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The underwritten are fac-similes of the Signatures of those Illustrious Noble & Eminent Personages comprizing the Sovereign & his Suite who became Members of this Honourable Society on the 29th of February 1671 on which Day the whole Company were Entertained in Lincolns Inn Hall.

Charles &
James

Robert

Bath

Charles Buckhurst

Manchester

Wolfe

Clifford

H. Howard

Deer

Thos. Dyer

J. M.

Robert Lilijren

Wegge

Wic. Amorer

Newport

Henry Howard

Tho. Howard

Govtore

Howard

J. D. Grey

Wm. Hanby

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PREFACE.



HIS Volume begins with 1660, the year of the Restoration of Charles II. and finishes with the accounts of Mr. John Coxe, junior, Treasurer from Jan. 23, 1775, to Jan. 23, 1776.

The materials are, as before, the Black Books and the Red Books with the addition of the Serle's Court Book, begun by order of the Bench in 1694, "to contain all orders relating to Serle's Court and the admittances thereto," and still continued in relation to New Square, the present name of Serle's Court. p. 188

A MSS. in the Steward's office containing a selection of the Principal Orders down to 1770 is the only previous attempt to carry out what has been done more fully by the present series of volumes. Mr. Henry Gibbs, clerk to Mr. J. Coxe, junior, a Master of the Bench, seems to have extracted and indexed such orders of Council as he thought important, under the supervision of Mr. Coxe, and was rewarded with ten guineas by the Bench. The MSS. is known as Coxe's Digest. p. 444

The arrangement of the Buildings of the Inn will be fully treated of in the next volume, where a detailed and chronological account will be given as complete as the evidence permits.

ADMISSION.

The terms of admission were the subject of several orders, but the terms finally settled on in 1768 were that every person should be admitted by a Benchman without manucaptors, and before entering into commons should enter into a Bond with sufficient security for payment of dues under a penalty of £40; a form of this Bond is inserted in the Minutes. The fee payable on admission in 1775 was £3 3s. 4d. p. 393 p. 432

Many instances occur of admissions *ad eundem*: the terms generally being that the person admitted should be allowed all privileges and advantages he was justly entitled to at his original Inn of Court. Towards the close of this volume it was the practice for Law Officers who had entered at other Inns to be admitted to the fellowship of Lincoln's Inn. Among them were Sir R. Raymond, afterwards Lord Raymond; Sir Philip Yorke, afterwards
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Lord Chancellor Hardwicke ; Sir Fletcher Norton, afterwards Speaker of the House of Commons, and William de Grey. The primary cause of their admission in each case appears to have been a desire for Chambers in Lincoln's Inn or in Serle's Court, otherwise New Square ; according to the regulations then in force none but a member of the Society could hold chambers in either of those places.

Special admissions very much diminish in number. The Reader's
 p. 115 privilege was cut down : no Reader having power to admit specially any person whatsoever a member of the Society under the degree of a Lord, except such person were a Foreign Minister. In compensation for the loss
 p. 115 of his privilege, every Reader was allowed £30. Subject to the Reader's privilege no person could after Nov. 15, 1677 be specially admitted but by a Special Order of Council.

p. 330 A Benchers had the liberty or privilege of admitting gratis one son, and no more "which hath always been the usage of this Society."

Dispensation for absence after admission was early granted to a Judge's or a Benchers son only : but in 1680 University students were granted the privilege of remaining at the University for one year after admission : for some reason this privilege was taken away in 1741. Presumably under the former order the University student was excused payment of all dues ; under the latter order he remained liable for dues, including absent Commons, like an ordinary Student.

EXERCISES.

The Bench in the first year of the Restoration ordered that the exercises
 p. 4 of Moots, Pleadings and Bolts should be performed by the Barristers and Students of the Society as theretofore : and in the next year lamented "that express information hath been made to the Bench (which they are unwilling
 p. 8 to believe) that there is a consent and combination entertained and owned by some at least of the gentlemen of the Bar to abet and justify such defaults as have already been made and to encourage and countenance the like in the future." They appointed a Committee to consider and report, and declared that in the meantime no call either to the Bench or the Bar should be made of any member who had not complied with the ancient Rules.

The exercises appear to have continued in their former shape up to the
 p. 39 end of this volume. Benchers who were not Double Readers had to
 p. 18 attend exercises as before. Barristers of under three years from the date of their Bar moot were directed to serve vacations and perform Exercises at
 p. 62 Readings as of old ; and those invited to the Bench, or called to the Bar, had to give security for the due performance of their exercises. It was necessary

for each student to perform four Bolts and four Moots before call to the Bar.

No Bar moot was allowed to be brought in upon a discontinued exercise ; the notices in the text do not explain what a discontinued exercise was : p. 152 but it may be that the object of the rule was to secure that the moot should have a day to itself and not follow on a previous exercise.

Facilities were given for attendance at moots. Any gentleman of the Inn not in Commons might take a repast in Hall on Bar moot nights, or, when the term began or ended on a Wednesday, on that day only. p. 323

CALL.

The orders affecting the Call of Students to the Bar are numerous, but, each successive order adding to the qualification, it will be sufficient to sum them up and thus show the necessary qualification before the agreement of 1672 :—(I.) The Student had to be of seven years' continuance, *i.e.*, of seven years' standing from the date of his admission, and to have kept all exercises and under-Bar vacations and been frequently in Commons during the seven years. In practice some part of this period was not unfrequently remitted, as in the case of those intending to practice out of England, with the proviso that they should not practice in England until the seven years had expired. In the case of Cartwright, who intended to practice in England, his call was not published until he had performed the two exercises required to make up the number due from him. (II.) Payment of all dues to the Society, including the Preacher's Roll and Pensions, which were not as a rule collected until Call, up to the day of Call. Watts, who had been called apparently by an oversight, found his Call "absolutely discharged," as he had not paid the arrears due from him. (III.) Having taken the Sacrament in the Chapel of the Society. Rogers, who was of "full standing and had behaved himself nicely," was unable to take the Sacrament in the Chapel, because it was then under repair ; but brought a certificate of reception at St. Dunstan's. He was ordered, before he was published, to bring an affidavit of his having received the Sacrament in that Church. Dunch was called without a certificate, several Masters "having satisfied the rest he was a good Protestant." Two were called without a certificate on condition of depositing, the one 40s., and the other £5, with the Chief Butler, as security for their taking the Sacrament on the next Sacrament day in the Chapel. (IV.) Having taken the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy : these, however, were administered only to such persons as were known Papists or suspected to be Recusants. Newton's call was vacated on the ground, amongst others, that he had not taken the oaths.

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- But other, perhaps more grievous, matters were charged against him : that he had presumed to wear a bar gown and to practice as a barrister, though he had not performed his moot : and it was thought right to inform the judges that last went the Northern Circuit (on which apparently he practiced) of the decision of the Bench. (v.) Having taken
- p. 287 chambers in the Inn of the value of £20, or depositing with the Chief
- p. 302 Butler in default of a qualification chamber £20, with £1 for the Treasurer's fee, 10s. for the Butler's fee, and 4s. 6d. for the petition and order, making £21 14s. 6d. (vi.) Having entered into a Bond with two sureties under a
- p. 102 penalty of £40 for payment of commons and dues and performance of vacations and exercises.
- p. 374 These conditions were to some extent modified by a joint agreement of the Four Inns in 1672 to this effect. The standing for the Bar was to be five years from admission ; none to be called under the age of 21 years : 12 terms Commons were to be actually kept : Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Laws in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, were to be dispensed two years' standing, but not any Commons : no exceptions were to be allowed with regard to Ireland or the West Indies.
- Calls were made in only two terms of the year, Easter and Michaelmas
- p. 383 terms : the call took place in open Council in term time ; three or more Masters of the Bench meeting in the Council Chamber or Buttery * were
- p. 395 made a sufficient Council for calling any gentleman : the quorum was summoned by the Quatuor in Hall on the application of any gentleman
- p. 332 desiring to be called to the Bar. The Masters were attended by the Chief Butler with the Books of Admission, and by the second Butler with the
- p. 393 Book of Exercises. Each Master was entitled to a service of sweetmeats, value 5s. and a bottle of wine from each gentleman.
- p. 315 The cost of call was in one case £35 10s. : in another £34 8s., made up of Absent Commons £18 ; Vacation Commons £6 ; Pensions £1 6s. 8d. ; Call £5 ; Library money 13s. 4d. ; Eating Commons 18s. ; Preacher's Roll, £2 10s.
- p. 315 To these amounts must be added the "treating the Hall," which, it seems, took place on the candidate "moving his Bar moot." Treating was forbidden by No. 16 of the Judges' Orders of 1664, but, as usual in internal affairs, the Judges' Orders seem to have been ignored by the Society. For
- p. 323, 4 not until 1741 "Bar moot treats were taken away," and every person called to the Bar paid £5 to the use of the Library in lieu of the 13s. 4d. formerly paid.

* This was no doubt the old Buttery turned into a withdrawing room for the Lord Chancellor when sitting in the Hall.

BARRISTER.

Besides the many orders dealt with elsewhere directing the Utter Barristers to keep all the Moots and Bolts, wherewith they were charged, and to have chambers in the Inn, there is not much that deserves mention. According to ancient usage "the degree and dignity of Barrister-at-Law" is conferred on a member of the Society who was made one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas. Members of the Bar appointed to the dignity of King's or Queen's or Prince's Counsel were, when serving the office of Reader, exempted from the sumptuary regulations which bound other Readers, not so honoured. Sir Francis Goodricke, "one of His Majesty's learned Counsel-at-Law and Solicitor-General to his Royal Highness the Duke of York," who entertained the King and Court at dinner in 1672, is the first K.C. recorded. Sir Francis, as the K.C.s who followed him, were appointed to that dignity before call to the Bench. During the 120 years covered by this volume, twenty-six barristers only are described as King's or Queen's Counsel. In the minutes the description of K.C. or Q.C. is never attached to the name of any law officer of the Crown, but it is to the name of the Queen's Solicitor, and that of the Solicitor-General to the Prince of Wales. Possibly this practice was in accordance with some rule of etiquette then in force.

The offences committed by the Bar were not very serious. Doddington is suspended for using opprobrious and misbecoming language to a Bench. One summoned to the Council is described in the margin of the Book, "Tom of Lincoln, a bastard child born in his chamber and ballads of it." One entry shows the Society, as of old, waiving immunity for a member. One Clarke, a barrister, having outrageously beaten the chief Porter, then doing the duty of his place, was expelled the Society; the Porter being at liberty to take his best remedy at law for the wrong done him.

THE BENCH.

Four Committees appointed between 1660-1664 to deal with financial matters, had a short existence. But the first mess at the Bench table, consisting of the four senior Benchers who happened to be dining in Hall, under the name of "the Quatuor of the Bench sitting in Mess," developes into a permanent Executive Committee. It is first mentioned by name in this volume, though it may well have been the body that discharged so many functions "at the Board's End," or "the Bench Table," in the previous volumes. It deals with petitions for increase of wages; compels payment of arrears of Commons; calls to account the Reader of Furnival's Inn, who it will be remembered was a Fellow of the Society;

is the body to whom notices summoning Councils are communicated ;
 p. 111 directs the disposal of Col. Fairfax's manuscripts ; supplies a quorum for
 p. 152 purposes of Call to the Bar ; deals with the repairs of the Chapel, and the
 disorder upon the Steward ; and begins in 1739 the system, still in force,
 of receiving every day from the Butler after the cloth is drawn an account
 of the wine spent at the Bench and in Hall.

Incidentally we learn two well-established customs of the Bench : the
 p. 259 one that the Councils were held after dinner in 1720, and that no Benchers were
 admitted to Council, unless he had previously dined in Hall. The other custom
 p. 330 authorised each Benchers to have one son admitted gratis to the Society.

A very happy expression appears in a minute recording the complaint
 of Sir Edward Bish that two other Benchers had falsely reported he
 p. 22 had been expelled the House. "The Bench" it states "being tender of the
 reputation of Sir E. Bish and the other gentleman" proceed to appoint a
 Committee to examine and report. It would be difficult to find a phrase
 more neutral and at the same time more satisfactory to the parties concerned.

In the paragraphs dealing with the Readership an account is given of
 the unwillingness of the Bar to accept invitations to the Bench so long as an
 acceptance entailed the distasteful performance of the Reader's duties. Mr.
 Stedman, the last Reader, read in the Autumn of 1677 and was Treasurer
 for 1678, 1679 and 1680. In the last year, the Benchers resolved to read in
 their turn when there were Readings at the other Inns of Court, under
 penalty of disbenching on refusal so to read. The probability of the revival
 of Readings seems to have been considered small, as for the next twenty
 years no refusal of an invitation to the Bench is recorded. Yet for a reason
 which is not apparent, possibly from the discontinuance of several Benchers,
 p. 205 the number of the Bench in 1700 must have fallen very low. For in that
 year the Bench resolve that after the present Benchers had served all the
 offices, the Senior Benchers should serve again. The contemplated
 contingency did not occur, and the next invitation in 1704 is of four
 Benchers only. In the following years there are some but not many
 refusals. In 1758, out of twelve invitations, four only accept, and in 1772
 fifteen invitations result in six new Benchers.

Mention must now be made of the life and habits of the Bench. It
 happens that the Treasurer's Rolls contain some of the articles bought for the
 Bench table beyond the ordinary fare or bought for the comfort of the Bench.
 The first appearance of an article in the Rolls probably marks the date when
 the fashion of using it reached the class of society in which the Benchers
 moved. Again a study of the liquor bill will show how the tastes of the Bench
 changed during the period covered by this volume. Add to this, that the

prices affixed enable a comparison to be made between the cost in those days and in the present, and interest may be found in what must be a disconnected statement.

In 1668, White Salts are bought for the Bench Table. In 1673, Tobacco is bought at 3s. and 3s. 6d. a lb., and sugar at 10d. a lb. Mum, said to be a species of fat ale,* is bought at 6d. a quart. Lemons and oranges appear in the Roll for 1677, strawberries and lemons in that of 1693. "Cyder" to the moderate value of 2s. was drunk in 1685. In 1695, 6d. is charged for coffee. Under 1705 is found the first of the series of wines—White Lisbon at 24s. a dozen, followed in 1715 by 2s. 6d. for a bottle of French wine. In 1718 there is a purchase of Rose water and glasses: also of sugar and lemons for the Grace Cup and French wine. There is also an entry of wine "at" the Blue Posts: this particular entry may refer to a potation at the Blue Posts, but later entries occur of wine bought from the Fountain in the Strand, the Anchor, Linwood's, the Rummer in Chancery Lane, Fisher's, the Golden Lyon in Fleet Street, and the Bedford Head. It is pretty evident from this list of names and from a minute which appears hereafter that in these days the Bench kept no cellar, and bought their wine, guided by the experience of some of their members, when and as they wanted it. To return to the Rolls, wax candles at 2s. 6d. a lb. were bought in 1719; chicken and "asparagrase," a cool tankard at 6s. 9d. for the adjourned Council, French white wine at 1s. 3d. a pint, Sack at 1s. 3d., jelly at 6d. a glass, mince pies at 1s., and white wine for the Grace Cup at 1s. 6d. a quart; lemons at 2s. 6d. a dozen, brandy and sugar for punch swell the list for the same year. It will be noticed that this is the first mention of brandy punch. In 1725 Red "Clarrott" is mentioned at 5s. a bottle, and in 1727 4s. is paid to Mr. Hart for fine pale ale. The next year shows more white wine for the Grace Cup and cool tankards for the July adjourned Council, Canary at 1s. 3d. a pint, and the first mention of Port, bought probably at the price set down in 1729, of 1s. 3d. a bottle. An order of the Bench of 1731 marks the introduction of a new drink. "Grace cups in Hall and Tankards at adjourned Councils are for the future to be filled with arrack punch." In 1732, Burgundy at 24s. a dozen, arrack at 4s. a quart, and Sack complete the list. A barrel of Colchester oysters costs in 1735 3s., and in 1740 £1 14s. 8d. is spent on two Westphalian hams. In the next year a Committee on Grievances, extravagant expenses, and other mismanagements, recommend, presumably as an economical reform, "That French wines be drunk in the Hall, Council Chamber, and Buttery only on Grand or holy days for the future at the expense of the House, and that all port wines used

* A Hanoverian form of beer, made of wheat malt. *Ex. auct.* Mr. C. I. Elton, Q.C.

in the House for the future be bought at the best hand and of a Merchant, not exceeding one guinea a dozen, which ought to contain three gallons." This order was followed in 1743 by another, for which though no motive is assigned, perhaps one may well be inferred, "That no more punch be henceforth introduced into the Hall or Council Chamber." In 1745 Port for one year at £43 3s. (probably about 41 dozen), one guinea for three gallons of Red Port and 12s. 6d. for Madeira. Four years later two guineas are paid for six gallons of Mountain (said to be a species of Malaga). Coffee and Tea are given at the Bencher's Treat of March 5, 1764, and "shampain" bought at 98s. a dozen makes its first appearance in the Treasurer's Roll for 1775.

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The two dinners of which details are given were on the occasion of adjourned Councils, and consist of fish, chicken and egg sauce, roast beef, bacon and greens.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

During the reigns of Elizabeth, James I. and Charles I., the normal order in which the offices of the Society were held after invitation to the Bench, was Lent Reader, Keeper of the Black Book, Treasurer and then Autumn Reader. All members of the Bench did not in their turn fill all the offices: death, discontinuance or promotion to the degree of Serjeant closed the careers of many members; further the offices were sometimes filled in a different order for reasons which have not been handed down. But the Lent Reader was head of the Society for, as it seems, his year of office; though always a junior, if not the puisne, Bencher. After his year was over, as the last volume shows, he was generally appointed Black Book, and then Treasurer, or, as in the period of this volume, at once Treasurer. The Treasurer in truth had only the precedence of his antiquity at the Bench: he is always so placed in the list of Benchers present at a Council, and did not take the chair at the Council meeting. The offices of Dean of Chapel and Master of the Library were filled by Benchers who had served the office of Treasurer. The Reader or the Treasurer not unfrequently held the office of Marshal in addition to his own. The relative position of the offices may be inferred, from the order in which the elections appear in the Black Books, to be Lent Reader, Autumn Reader, Dean of Chapel, Master of the Library, Treasurer, Black Book, Marshal, Pensioner.

After 1641 the Treasurer and Black Book alone are regularly mentioned, and for the first three years of Charles II's reign are the only offices: the Marshal and Pensioner have disappeared and so had the Steward of the Reader's Dinner, but the fine or composition for the last office was still paid. The Dean of Chapel, Master of the Library and Master of the Walks were

appointed for undefined periods and only appear in the lists from time to time. When the volume begins, the Treasurer and Black Book alone appear for three years. From 1663 onwards the Lent and Autumn Readers, or the one of them appointed, are added to the list; and so long as Readers continued, one of the Readers became Treasurer the year after his Readership. In 1678, Stedman, the last Reader, became Treasurer, and from that date to 1692, the Treasurer and Black Book are again the only officers, with the exception of two Masters of the Walks, one Dean of Chapel and one Master of the Library. The cessation of the Readership left the Society without a Head, the Treasurer being only *primus inter pares*, and it is interesting to note how gradual was the rise of the Treasurer to the position now occupied by that officer. With 1693 begins a regular series of Black Book, Treasurer, Dean of Chapel, and Master of the Library. The Black Book of one year becomes Treasurer of the next year, and in the two succeeding years Dean of Chapel and Master or Keeper of the Library.

The orderly progress from Black Book upwards was not unfrequently interrupted. It had long been the custom that the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General should be appointed Treasurer for the year after which either of them had attained that dignity, and the officers of the Crown from time to time step in before the other members of the Bench: but the Solicitor-General ceased to have this privilege in 1772: no preference was given for the future, except in the case of the Attorney-General for the time being. p. 411

The King's Counsel for a time obtained the like privilege. Sir James Butler, K.C., the first K.C. in the History of the Society, was made Treasurer in 1675. Mr. Thomas Jones, lately made one of the King's Counsel, is therefore called to the Bench in 1683. He took his seat at the next Council, and his name is recorded first of all who were present. He is chosen Treasurer for 1685, though obviously junior to most of the Bench. So John Hawles, who was invited to the Bench in 1692, appears as Mr. J. Hawles, Q.C., Treasurer, in 1695. But by 1737, the Bench, the majority of whom must have been stuff gownsmen, carried a resolution that none of the K.C.s who should be called to the Bench thereafter, should be appointed Treasurer, but in the order he had been called to the Bench. In 1754, a batch of five K.C.s were intended to be invited, and the order of 1737 was repealed, the Hon. William Noel, K.C., with two other K.C.s, accepted the invitation of the Bench and was elected Treasurer for 1754. Seven years later the former order was revived, but without prejudice to Charles Ambler, K.C., who was made Treasurer for 1755. The right to the Treasurership then stood on the order of 1772, and the Senior Benchers who had served the other

offices was entitled to be Treasurer, subject to the privilege of the Attorney-General.

Returning to the position of the Treasurer on the abolition of the Readerships, Stedman, the last Reader, in 1677 duly put up his coat of arms in the Chapel, and sufficient proof of the position of the Treasurer towards the rest of the Bench, is furnished by the fact that a quarter of a century elapsed before the Bench formally authorised the placing of the arms of the Treasurers, since Stedman, in the East window of the Chapel.

For some years after, his precedence was not settled: for between 1748 and 1762 the Master of the Library is frequently elected before the Treasurer on the election of offices. He did not attain his present position until 1770, when it was ordered that for the future the Treasurer for the time being should take place of all other the Masters of the Bench in the Hall, at Dinner, at the Council and in the Chapel.

p. 388 The Treasurer, the Dean of Chapel and the Keeper of the Black Book appear in 1767 to be entitled to certain fees which were received for them by the Steward and accounted for regularly in Hilary Term.

p. 383 The elections of the Preacher, Chaplain, or any other officer or servant of the Society, were in 1765 ordered to be determined by "Ballotte": Each Benchman was to write the name of his choice on a bit of paper, and hand the paper to the Chairman of the Council.

TREASURER.

p. 18. A Committee of the Treasury appointed in 1662 to relieve the Treasurer of the admissions to Chambers and the management of the
p. 23 trees in the garden, was discharged in 1664, when an "Attendant on the Treasurer," in the person of the late Steward, was appointed as to all such matters of account, reparations, and other affairs of the House, as he should be directed by the Treasurer. This officer, like the Sub-Treasurer in the
p. 42 last volume, is no more heard of. The Treasurer, in 1665, was directed to have all the plate in the possession of the Steward placed in the Hall on the next Grand Day, "for the honour of the Society"; and was enjoined, when Grand Day was past, to keep the House Plate until further order, "as he would keep his own."

The Treasurers of 1674 and 1675, two years of trouble, were thanked at the close of their services for their care and prudence in the "managery"
p. 241 of the Treasurer's place to the great advantage of the Society. The Treasurer was forbidden to lay out or expend above £5 without a special order of Council, saving only for "the settled and constant expense." This rule was brought to bear thirty years later on the accounts of a Treasurer, who

had bought without leave prints of the Judges to be hung up in the Council Chamber to the amount of £16 5s. ; the Treasurer however was in the end repaid by the Society. p. 330

The Treasurer's Feast had in 1716 apparently ceased to be given. Spencer Cowper, who was Treasurer in that year, commuted his feast by the payment of six guineas, an example followed by seven of the Treasurers who followed him.

A new system of accounts in English by way of Debtor and Creditor was devised in 1730, and ordered to be kept in a Book and not in a Roll as formerly. The Treasurer in 1767 was entitled to fees which were received for him by the Steward, on admission to the Society, on call, and on admission to certain chambers. p. 295

THE READER.

The close of the last volume showed the appointment of Readers who did not read, and the cessation of exercises arising from disinclination of the seniors to read, and of the juniors to attend and study. The wave of reaction, which brought about the Restoration, is traceable in the policy of the Society. Within a year of the Proclamation of Charles II, attempts were made to restore the system of education which "had been interrupted and wholly omitted by the space of nineteen years past." The Judges put forward proposals concerning Readings, which were considered by the Inns of Court, Mr. Prynne and three others being appointed a Committee to meet and confer with the Benchers of the other Inns. The Council of its own motion ordered that Moots, Pleadings and Bolts should be performed as formerly.

A struggle of seventeen years then began between those Benchers who were bent on bringing back the old forms of Education and the rest of the Society. The former, who were in the majority, did their best to secure Readers who would do their duty. While limiting the expenditure of the Reader, they shortened the period of his Reading, thus making the office less burdensome : on the other hand, they fined those who refused to read in their turn, and in extreme cases expelled them from the Bench or the Society. Some of those, thus fined or expelled, were members or Associates of the Bench ; others were Barristers, who from their professional position must have been in frequent contact with the dominant majority : and the minutes show some signs of the hot temper and ill feeling that such strong measures must have aroused.

There were close divisions at the Council, and motions once passed were brought up again and challenged at subsequent meetings, showing the

existence of a protesting minority. Barrister after Barrister refused to accept an invitation to the Bench: but the majority continued to have their triumphant way until the minutes of 1677 lack the usual notice of the election of a Reader, and we find the office has ceased to exist.

Mr. J. Howell (who had been called to the Bench in 1659) was the first chosen to hold a Summer Reading, with all the allowances and privileges any previous Summer Reader had enjoyed. He was to read but one week; there were to be two cases argued, one on Monday, the other on Friday: his repetition was to be made and his Reading finished on the Friday. Furthermore, there were to be no suppers, more than ordinary commons, during the whole reading. Mr. Howell failed to read, and Mr. Prynne, at the request of the House, read in the Lent Vacation of 1662. Mr. Howell was again appointed for the summer of 1662, and again failed to read. This second failure of a Reading was taken up seriously by the Council. Mr. Richard Escourt, "though it was his turn to read," was passed over, and Sir Edward Bish, Knight, was chosen Lent Reader, with the privileges of a Double Reader, and summoned, "according to the duty of his place," to be present at the next Grand Day.

Sir Edward Bish was a person of some distinction; he had been made Clarenceux King of Arms in 1661, and offered the Treasurership of 1662. He was, therefore, an unexceptionable man for the post of Reader, and when he appeared at the November Council of 1663 and declared his resolution not to read next Lent, issue seems to have joined without hesitation.

p. 32 "Whereupon," runs the minute, "and upon the date of his refusal and the questions put—first, whether any penalty shall be imposed upon him therefor; secondly, whether any fine; thirdly, whether two hundred pounds; or fourthly, whether one hundred pounds. As to the two first questions, they were carried in the affirmative, the third in the negative, and as to the last question, the Council then being but twelve in number, besides the said Sir Edward Bish himself, they were equally divided. And so nothing resolved; thereupon and the said matter not then further debated or proceeded with." At the next Council Sir Edward Bish was excused from Reading. It was "left to his ingenuity to return his answer next Council what retribution he would be pleased voluntarily to make in respect of the indulgence aforesaid." The end was, that Sir Edward was excused from reading, gave up his Chamber (which he valued at £35 and the Bench relet at £120) and remained a Bencher. The vacancy had to be filled; and after several refusals, Mr. George Day consented to read in the next Lent term; he was rewarded with the option of selling his Chamber and being admitted to the first Bench Chamber that fell vacant. Reader Day preferred to keep

his chamber and receive £100 from the Society towards the charges of his Reading.

The Black Books only record the Resolutions passed at Council, but the struggle must have been carried on elsewhere. In 1664 the Judges call for a delegation from the Bench to attend them at Serjeant's Inn and discuss the orders they were about to put out in the course of the year.

Later in the year a Bencher refusing to Read was deprived "of the privilege of a Bencher," and the names of those who had refused to read were entered in the Black Book. Orders were screened "for retrenching and moderating the excessive expences" of Readings. A reference to them will show what inordinate treating custom had imposed on the Readers. A Lent Reader fulfilled his duty, and Francis Butler was chosen Summer Reader in spite of his well known infirmities. Then the Plague began to show itself, and with the consent of the Chancellor and Judges there was no Reading in the Society that autumn, or in the Lent following. p. 41

Francis Butler, who had been chosen Reader, was excused in 1667, and was allowed to continue a Bencher. The term of Reading was shortened by two days and an Autumn Reader was appointed: two Benchers being fined £100 each for refusing to read. In 1668 others were fined £100 and £40, and the order was renewed that any Bencher refusing to read was to lose all benefit and privilege of a Bencher. From 1668 to 1671, two Readers were chosen every year, and in the latter year a custom came in of officially thanking the Reader for his performance. In 1672, Sir Francis Goodricke, being of the King's Counsel, elected to read in Lent. Next year Reed and Page who had failed to read after being chosen, were fined £100 a piece and "suspended the Bench" until payment: subsequently Foxwist, Reed and Page were discharged the Bench for not reading in their turn and were "Associated." The Judges of the House were attended "touching settling Readings," and their advice appears later on. For 1674 Thomas Carpenter was appointed both Lent and Summer Reader, but when the time came he failed to read on either occasion, and was fined £200: he was further disbenched and ordered not to come into Commons or the Hall till further order; his chamber was seized to the use of the House, and a padlock put on his study door. No Lent Reader was appointed for 1675, and a Master invited to the Bench, "declared himself not provided to be a Reader," and therefore refused to come to the Bench. In November, the Judges of the House at a Council Meeting laid down that persons, called to the Bench and refusing, ought to lose and forfeit their Chambers, and be proceeded against "even to expulsion itself." In 1676, Sir James Butler was desired to withdraw his election of being Reader for the next p. 60 p. 103

autumn "by reason of the great necessity of the present repair of the Chapel": and in 1677 it was thought expedient, "in regard that several barristers of antient standing had refused to come to the Bench, and considering how few there were likely to succeed those that lately came up, that there should be but one Reading from thenceforth in every year, and but one Reader chosen." This was in May, 1677; and Mr. James Stedman was chosen the only Reader for the year. He duly read and was thanked for his Reading. By the month of May in the next year the four Inns of

p. 120. Court had agreed in passing rules for carrying out the pleasure of His Majesty, that no Reader, not being of His Majesty's Counsel or Recorder of London, should expend above £300 in his Reading. The rules are sufficiently minute to be interesting. The Bench made the agreement of the Four Inns an order of Council and at that date, presumably, contemplated the appointment of Readers in the future. Yet no subsequent Reader to the Society was appointed. Considering the detail with which proceedings affecting the Readership had been given, it is remarkable that no order for the abolition of the office is recorded. Possibly the party which had hitherto ruled had lost its majority, and did not venture to move the election of a Reader. But whatever the cause, thus disappeared from the Society the name and functions of the Reader, the first in precedence and perhaps the oldest of its officers. With its disappearance ceased the series of Readers' arms in the Chapel, and it was not until 1703 that the arms of the Treasurers were ordered to be put up in the eastern window, beginning with that of the Treasurer after James Stedman, the last Reader. The blank left by the disappearance of the Readership is thus well shown by the fact that five-and-twenty years elapsed before the Treasurer advanced to take the Reader's place and become the acknowledged head of the Society.

THE SERVANTS OF THE SOCIETY.

A list of the Servants with the Salaries paid them in 1767 will be found at p. 390, and the table of precedence of the Household Staff at the same date on p. 389.

The Steward by the same date had become the chief Servant of the Society, and his duties, with those of the Chief Butler (who now took the second place) are set out on pages 388, 9.

The place of "washpot," of considerable antiquity in the Society, had its name changed to that of Fifth Butler.

p. 215 The Chief Porter of Lincoln's Inn in 1703 bore a staff with a silver head on which were engraved the Arms of the House, purchased at a cost of not

more than £5. The Head Porter of Serle's Court was presented with a gown and staff similar to that of the Chief Porter of Lincoln's Inn. Each had a long staff for common use in the day time to walk about with.

The Badge Porters appear to have existed before 1660; but in that year several persons were "allowed and continued" Porters to the Society; they wore at their breasts for badges, the arms of Lincoln's Inn, provided by the Steward at a cost of 8s. a badge, unless any porter at his own charge was willing to "enlarge" his badge. They had orders to turn out beggars and idle boys; not to permit persons to cry or expose to sell clothes or goods in the Inn, and to prevent the exercising or showing for sale of horses in the Inn.

FINANCE.

Want of money weighed heavily on the Society for the most part of the period covered by this volume, and the domestic history can only be understood when viewed in connection with the efforts of the Bench to raise the income of the Society to the necessary amount.

The Treasurer's Rolls from 1941-1658 have now been printed in the Appendix, and show the strain put on the Society by the Civil War. The silver of the Inn was sold with the exception of the spoons [Vol. II., p. 364, *et seq.*], for £132 8s. 4d., and the Society appear to have borrowed from first to last about £2,000, which they were some time in paying. They however, felt themselves at liberty in 1652 to abolish all Rolls but the Preacher's, leaving a yearly income which varied from £700 to £1,000, and yielded a balance at the end of the year. The income was derived from admissions to the Society, fines and admissions to chambers, the Preacher's Roll, pensions, absent commons and composition for absent commons, and such fines as were inflicted on members of the Society. It was obvious the income could be increased by accession of members in larger numbers, who would pay admission fees to the Society, and to chambers, and in time pay or compound for absent commons. It followed that to house more members more buildings must be erected, and that the rule of the Society against underletting and the holding of chambers by strangers and Serjeants must be strictly enforced; thus making room for members of the Inn. This is amply apparent from the minutes. In 1661 an invitation was issued for gentlemen to undertake the erection of new buildings; the great scarcity and want of chambers was regretted; the Serjeants residing in the Inn were politely requested to leave, and all persons who did not hold directly from the Society were publicly warned to "avoid" the chambers of which they were

occupiers. In 1662, offers were made of building leases for thirty-one
 p. 20 years, and the orders against lodgers repeated. The Benchers who had discontinued were requested to come into residence and keep commons, and those who would not undertake to read in their turn were desired to surrender their chambers. The Benchers in residence, considering the debts of the House, and the want of money to defray the present and growing
 p. 21 charges of the House, surrendered their claim to Bench Chambers until the House should be out of debt. Three years later, the Rolls, which had been
 p. 44 suspended in 1652 for music, coals, library and gardener, were resumed. In 1665, "the present and pressing necessities of the Society, occasioned principally by the backwardness of those indebted to the House and Steward," compelled the advance by every member, including the Masters, of one Grand Week's Commons at the rate of ten shillings for the Grand Week; and the stress was so great that the advance of 9s. was, a few days later, ordered for the next week. The absent commons were fixed at a fortnight's commons, of which the Grand Week was to be one, making a liability of 19s. per term on every gentlentan *visus in villâ*, which appears to mean in the town of Westminster, London being always spoken of as the City of London. The object was to hit all those who were practicing at Westminster, and yet not in Commons. More will be heard of this practice later on. Then came the Plague. No Councils were held between June 13th, 1665, and February 8th, 1666, and the life of the Inn seems to have revived in May, 1666. Unfortunately, the accounts for 1665 are not in existence, but loans which were repaid in 1667
 p. 50 probably were contracted in the former year. Divers gentlemen, it appears, had chambers, and used them solely to accommodate others, who neither came into Commons, nor paid duties, nor performed exercises, whereby not only the profit, but also the reputation and honor of the Society were lessened; and the Bench ordered that a gentleman must either use his chamber himself or sell the same to such a person as was capable of being admitted according to the Orders of the House. The arrears of chimney money and the Preacher's Roll were directed to be got in.

In 1668, efforts were made to get in the arrears of the Steward's Roll
 p. 58 and of commons and dues, by seizing and padlocking the chambers of Fellows in arrear. The names of lodgers and dwellers in any chambers who had not been admitted thereto, were sent to the Bench. Benchers, it is to
 p. 68 be regretted, were among those who let or privately disposed of their chambers.

p. 74 The arrears of commons and dues still continued and the Butler was allowed 6d. in the £ for collecting them. His pertinacity seems

to have succeeded in making many offer compositions, which the Bench p. 76
 accepted, provided they were paid before the next Council. The sum paid for
 vacation commons did not defray the cost, and the price was ultimately p. 77
 fixed at 6s. 6d. a week. With the year 1673 the amount of arrears had
 reached £620, and the Bench took the strong measure of seizing and
 threatening the sale of the chambers of 26 fellows whose dues were
 in arrear, and in the following year actually sold the chambers of 20
 gentlemen who had not been in Commons or paid their dues for three years.
 Mr. Aldworth, who was Treasurer from November, 1673, to November, 1674, p. 97
 succeeded in paying off £528 and was formally thanked for his great care
 and prudence in the "managery" of the Treasurer's place to the great
 advantage of the House. But some of the gentlemen thus evicted were
 moved to violence. One Asgill was suspended for his contempt in breaking
 off the padlock placed on his door. Berrisford's chamber was seized for non-
 payment of arrears. He was keeper of the Exchequer Records, and notice
 was given to the Lord Chief Baron, with a request that he would appoint pp. 85, 6
 some other place for his Records. Berrisford did not pay, and at the close
 of the time of grace, the Chief Butler and Porter were ordered forthwith to
 padlock and seize his Chamber for the use of the Society and to take care
 that no one broke or entered without leave. If any person should be "so
 hardy and adventurous," Sir James Butler, a Justice of the Peace for
 Middlesex, was desired to bind over the offender to appear at the next
 General Sessions and in the meantime to keep the peace.

Having thus got rid of many lodgers and persons who were useless to
 the Society, a step was taken to fill the vacant chambers, which has had
 important results.

In 1674, the Council caused a list to be made out of such of the p. 95
 Barristers as practiced but had no chambers in the House, showing the
 Courts and Places where they practiced, with the view of presenting it to
 the Judges of the House at the next Grand Day, in February, 1675, and of
 requesting them, "as well in their own Courts, as by speaking to the Judges
 of the other Courts, to use effectual means that those Barristers should
 return to the House and take chambers there."

The list was prepared and ultimately laid before a Council held in
 November, 1675, to which had been invited the Lord Privy Seal and three
 Judges, sometime members of the Society; the words of the minute, so
 far as they affect the matter in hand, are worthy of being set out at some
 length. The Council finds that the Society is "in great want of Benchers p. 103
 and Readers and attendance at exercises and coming into Commons and the
 House, which is occasioned by those of the Bar that keep no Chambers and
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residence in the House, nor continue in Commons, but practice abroad to the great disparagement of the Profession, and as well of the decay of learning therein, as of the Society itself: For the redress thereof according to the ancient orders and customs for the government of this Society, the Council do all of them unanimously declare: (4) that for such Barristers of this House (whose names are now presented to this Council) that do practice and yet have no chambers or continue in Commons, as they ought to do, that the Bench do forthwith order them to be put into Commons, and also summon them forthwith to attend the Bench to give Bonds to pay their Commons and perform their vacations, and that they with all convenient speed buy themselves chambers, and reside and practice in the House. Otherwise in the case of any defaulter, or any called to the Bench, or that shall be, which shall refuse and not conforme as aforesaid, that their names be given to the Judges to the end they may not practice or be heard at the Barr or in the Circuit, nor have any other privileges of their profession until they conforme."

- p. 116 Two years later a similar list was ordered to be made out and, after
 p. 118 being scrutinized by seven Masters, was in 1678 presented on Grand Day to the Lord Chief Justice and the other Judges of the House, and by the Master of the Rolls to the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor with the request "to take such effectual course with the gentlemen mentioned that they return to this House." The subject is not again mentioned until 1690, when the Council advocate joint action by the Four Inns "for promoting keeping up of Commons and for the practicing Barristers to have chambers in their respective Societies." It does not appear that joint action was taken: the tone of the minute is far removed from the wail of that of November, 1675, and perhaps joint action was unnecessary. In Lincoln's Inn, at any rate, the Readership had come to an end, and the Bar were no longer liable to have their chambers seized for refusing to read. It is also reasonable to suppose that the declaration made by the Privy Seal and the three Judges was in harmony with the feelings of the rest of the Judicial body, and that pressure, direct or indirect, was brought to bear on the Bar generally. It is significant that the Society, which continued in want of money for fifteen years afterwards should not have availed itself of the powers offered by the Judges, if there had been an appreciable number of delinquents. On the whole we may conclude that the tendency to dispersion was checked, and the private life of the Bar concentrated in the Inns of Court.

These worthies built better than they knew. They had in view only the prosperity of the Society, but the association thus enforced on the

members of the profession developed and fostered special habits of mind and action which are still the heritage of their successors. The other Bars of this Kingdom have attained excellence without altogether similar advantages. To what extent these habits can be created under circumstances not quite similar can only be stated by those familiar with the past and present of the Scotch and Irish Bars; but to the writer, it seems that the Bar of England owes much of its position, its corporate spirit and its code of morality and practice to the policy laid down in the Declaration of November, 1675.

The principle that every member should have a chamber in the Inn was later on enforced by making possession of a chamber or part of a chamber of the value of £20 or the deposit of £20, in the hands of the Treasurer, a condition precedent to Call to the Bar. p. 287

Returning to 1676, the practice of sub-letting chambers was again declared to entail forfeiture and seizure of the chambers so let out; every Fellow *visus in villâ*, whether he had a chamber or not, was taxed 2s. 6d. a term for the Preacher, and was compelled to be in Commons as he that had a chamber. An example is made of a Benchers and an Associate who had no chambers, lodged in their sons' chambers, and were in arrear on the Preacher's Roll. p. 105 p. 118 p. 121

The Bench now hit upon another way of increasing the return for admissions to Chambers. Under the Orders of 1664, persons who did not receive the Communion in the Society were liable to expulsion, and the Treasurer, and as many Benchers as pleased, were directed to search the House for Popish Recusants, either by virtue of those Orders or the Acts enforcing the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy. The next Council, "taking notice of the advantage accruing to the Society by the late search in the Chambers of the Society whereby several Popish Recusants were discovered," ordered that the like searches be repeated. In the Spring of the next year, the House of Lords ordered the Treasurers of the Inns of Court to return a list of the Papists, and to expel all Recusants. The return was made and showed six Papists still remaining on April 3, 1679 in Lincoln's Inn. p. 446 p. 123 p. 125 p. 454

In the next year, it seems probable that complaints had been made to the Bench of the payments for Vacation Commons, and the form of the minute suggests that feelings ran high both above and below the Bar. It runs "That it is destructive to the Society to alter the method of paying for Vacation Commons." This was passed on the 26th June (probably a Saturday, the Council day); on the Monday following disorders were committed in Hall; and the Bench summoned the Lord Privy Seal and the Master of the Rolls and several of the Judges "to give advice for composing and settling the Rules of the House." At the Council meeting, "after great debate nothing p. 130 p. 131

was concluded," but to meet again. At the next Council the rioters apologised and as no punishment was given, it may be supposed that the Bench were not unanimous on the merits of the order about Vacation Commons.

p. 159 In 1687, the Chapel had been repaired mainly by borrowed money and pressure was used to collect the arrears of the Preacher's Roll and the absent Commons. Nine gentlemen who lodged in other gentlemen's Chambers
 p. 160 were summoned before the Council, and Middleton is summoned for letting out his Chamber at a yearly rent. In this year a practice began of
 p. 159 consolidating each chamber: that is of allowing each member to have the whole of a chamber to himself, probably at an increase of fine. The Masters of the Bench who had not read and were in possession of Bench Chambers were ordered to lend 100 marks, which was to be repaid when the House got out of debt or they read, which ever happened first.

These measures roused dissatisfaction in the Barristers and Students,
 p. 163 and probably in some of the Bench. On one Thursday in May, 1688, a paper was delivered to the Benchers in Hall by several gentlemen of the Society, desiring liberty to inspect the accounts of the House, and requesting an answer to the matters contained in the paper. The Bench in Council refused to give an answer in writing to the paper, "having never been in precedent"; but, desiring to give all reasonable satisfaction to the gentlemen, appointed four Masters of the Bench to meet four of the Bar and four under the Bar, and to go into the accounts with them. The petitioners wished to examine the Black Books and the accounts of absent Commons due from any member of the Society. The Bench conceded examination of the accounts, and desired the Black Book Keeper to attend the Committee, with instructions to their delegates to satisfy the petitioners of the matters contained in the paper, and added that as "the exigencies of the House for defraying the debts thereof are pressing," the Committee should set to work without delay, and, if possible, make an end before the last day of term. In July, the gentlemen were reported to the Council as "insisting upon several orders made touching Bench Chambers and several other things." The Bench adjourned the Council of July without decision; the long vacation came on; William of Orange landed at Torbay in November, and in the excitement of the Revolution no more was heard of the petition.

p. 181 But the income of the Society did not improve: and though in 1692 the Council considered "building on the dead wall next Chancery Lane or of any other way to put the House out of debt," no relief followed, and the accounts show continual borrowings by the Bench. In 1700, the situation

must have appeared desperate. There was a "slender" appearance of Barristers as well as Students in Commons every Term; several gentlemen had run into arrear for vast sums for absent commons; the charges for servants' wages and the dearness of provisions had loaded the Society with debt; and members were totally deserting Commons in the hope of abatement for what they never had: the Council therefore ordered that no abatement be made of Vacation or absent Commons in the future. p. 206

In 1703 the Treasurer brought forward a list of debts to the Society for vacation and absent Commons and Preacher's Roll, amounting to above £1,800, and in 1706 the Society owed £1,200. From that date the fortunes of the Society began to mend, because each head of income began to yield a better return. The fines on admissions to chambers and the payments for absent Commons both largely increased. Probably much of the arrears was got in, and the compositions for absent commons were paid with greater regularity. Borrowing ceased to appear in the accounts, and in 1714 bonds to the amount of £1,000 were paid off. Five years later the Society had a surplus which was profitably invested in South Sea Bonds. From that time to the close of this volume the Society were always in prosperous circumstances, and the figures in 1659 of Gross Receipts £1,123, and Gross Payments £749, were represented in 1773 by Receipts £3,610 and Payments £3,474. p. 217

THE CHAPEL.

A Cross forming part of the Chapel was taken down in 1646. Whether this was an outburst of Puritan feeling, or because the cross had decayed does not appear. Certainly in 1671 (forty-eight years after its erection), the Chapel had begun to show signs of decay. In 1680, "it was ruinous and decayed and in the judgment of judicious workmen, architects and others in a dangerous condition, so that some of the Society and other persons of quality, formerly resorting thereto, are deterred from coming and refrain to repair thereto." An order was made to repair it with all convenient speed. From want of funds nothing was done until 1684, when the walls and roof were ordered to be forthwith repaired. In the next year, Mr. Christopher Wren (then a member of the Society) was invited to peruse draughts of articles with the freemason and the bricklayer; and in June the Chapel was shored up at a cost of £10. The Society borrowed in that year to pay £600 to the mason and £460 to the bricklayer. In 1730 the windows were taken down, cleaned, new leaded, and "renailed"; the Creed, the Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer were put up on the East wall and the East window repaired. In 1755 the windows were again taken down and repaired and the Chapel was p. 130

"beautified." Two years afterwards the roof was covered with copper at a cost of £213 11s., and in 1760 the Staircase was ornamented with a Tuscan block "cornish."

The Treasurer's Roll for the year ending November, 1661, shows an entry of £28 16s. 1d. for vestments at the feast of All Saints. Unless these were for use in the Chapel, it is hard to explain the expenditure of so large a sum; but in 1663, on the passing of the Act of Uniformity, surplices and hoods were provided for the Preacher and Chaplain. In 1676 Tollemache Duke
 p. 180 presented two silver candlesticks, now gilt and used in the Chapel. Mr. Long
 p. 188 and his widow, Mrs. Dionesse Long, after Long's death, presented velvet cloths with gold fringes for the pulpit and communion table.

In 1700 a proposal by Mr. Cavendish Weedon to set up an organ loft was rejected; but another proposal by him was approved, "to admit into use in the Chapel, the new version of the Psalms by Mr. Tate, His Majesty's Poet Laureate, and the Rev. Mr. Brady, one of H.M.'s Chaplains-in-Ordinary, Mr. Weedon furnishing at his own charge two copies for each of the Bench and Bar Seats." Another proposal by Mr. Weedon to erect an organ loft in the West End of the Chapel was declined in 1707; and a like fate befel the offer of Mr. Fellows to erect an organ loft and give an organ in 1721.

The "Uppermost" seats were those nearest the Communion Table. Two of these, that is, the two of the first row, were reserved for the Judges, Serjeants, and King's Counsel; the next three rows for the Benchers, and the two last rows for the Barristers; no other allotment was made. During the plague of 1665, none but persons of quality were admitted to the Chapel; but usually, "ordinary persons or tradesmen" might be let into the pews after the first lesson had begun. In 1717, the wives of the Benchers complained that the seats were not convenient, *i.e.*, for the hooped petticoats in use; but by 1730 the Chapel had become attractive to the ladies, for the Bench were compelled to order that ladies should not be admitted to the seats below the pulpit.

The Preachers of the Society must now be mentioned. Greenfield, who was Preacher at the close of the last volume, resigned in 1663 and was followed by the "Rev. John Tilletson." This divine became Dean of Canterbury in 1672, and continued to hold the Preachership and the Deanery
 p. 34 until he was made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1691. The terms of his service, which, with one modification, were those of all his successors in this volume, were £100 a year, £24 more for vacation Commons, Commons for himself and man in term time, and a chamber: he was to preach twice every Lord's Day in term time and next before and next after every term and in

Reading time, and once every Lord's Day in Vacation and as other occasion should require : to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the Chaplain in every term and vacation : to reside constantly in the Society, and not absent himself without leave : this last clause was modified in 1670, and leave was given him to be absent, taking care his place was well supplied. He held the Preachership during the Great Plague of 1665, and was given with the Chaplain leave of absence from June 13, 1665 to the first Sunday in Easter Term, 1686. It is fair to add that the House was practically shut up during that period. On his resignation, a claim was put forward by several Barristers and Students "pretending right to the election of a Preacher"; but the Bench, on a search of the Book of Orders, resolved that the right of election of a Preacher was and always had been in the Masters of the Bench only, and not in the gentlemen of the Society under the Bench. "Dr. Maynard" was the next Preacher. He resigned in 1699 and was presented with a piece of Plate, which he bequeathed to Magdalen College, Oxford. He was followed by "Francis Gastrell, B.D." to whom also a piece of plate was presented on his being made Bishop of Chester in 1714. "Dr. Lupton," his successor, was followed by the "Rev. Mr. Thomas Herring, B.D.," who resigned after becoming Dean of Rochester in 1732. His successors were "Dr. Crank, and, Dr. Watts." Next came the "Rev. William Warburton, M.A.," who was Preacher from 1746 to 1761, when he was made Bishop of Gloucester and resigned. In 1768 he founded a Lecture in the form of sermons "for proving the truth of the Christian Religion from the completion of those prophecies in the Old and New Testaments which relate to the Christian Church, especially to the apostacy of the Church of Rome," to be preached on three named Sunday mornings in the Lincoln's Inn Chapel. These are still continued under the name of the Warburtonian Lectures. Dr. Warburton was succeeded by Dr. Ashton, who was followed by the "Rev. Dr. Hurd," shortly after made Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

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The remuneration of the Chaplain, or Reader or Lecturer in Divinity, was 30s. a week, commons in term and vacation and a chamber. His duties were (in 1664) to read prayers twice every day in term and in vacation, if commons held; if commons did not hold, twice every Lord's Day, Wednesdays and Fridays in every week in term and constant preaching once every Lord's Day in vacation. To this was added, in 1757, that he should perform his duty personally except for two months in the "Long Vacation." He was to pay the Society all moneys received for marriages and burials. Of the Chaplains, the only one necessary to mention is Mr. Browne, who was called upon to answer a complaint relating to a

p. 263 clandestine marriage in the Chapel. The sequel was an order that the Chaplain should give the Dean of the Chapel a note of the Christian and Surnames of all persons married by him, with their additions; these particulars were to be entered in a book. This was in 1711; but the earliest extant Register begins in May, 1695.

Another officer connected with the Chapel was the person who set or began the Psalm, also called "the Psalm-raiser." The Chaplain and one of the Butlers are mentioned as holding this office. It was filled in 1715 by Henry Carey, author of "Sally in our Alley," and reputed author of "God Save the Queen." He held it only two years, and was summarily dismissed, for reasons which he relates in an interesting letter to the Earl of Oxford, set out in the Appendix p. 468.

p. 324 The Chapel Clerk was appointed in 1741 at a salary of £5 a year and a gown when necessary. His duties were to attend the Chapel every Sunday, and at the monthly sermons, and all Holy and Saints' Days, and all Epistle and Gospel Days; and to be present at all marriages and funerals. The

p. 179 monthly sermons appear to have been preached on the monthly fast days, and had their origin in the will of Henry Colfer (Vol. ii., p. 427), by which a sum of 20 shillings was left for ever for a lecture sermon to be preached in Lincoln's Inn Chapel by "some suffering, yet sound and learned Divine" on one Wednesday in every month throughout every year for ever.

The Dean of the Chapel was appointed from time to time by the Bench out of their number as the office was vacated.

p. 309 The hours of service were on Sunday morning not before 10.30 a.m., and on Sacrament Sunday afternoons at 3.30 p.m.: on week days the afternoon prayers were held at times, varying from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., as successive Councils thought fit to order. The order for prayers at 4 p.m. provides that no candles be used at these times, save at the Desk.

p. 228 Collections were made on Sacrament Sundays, which were the first
p. 266 Sunday in each month. The Chaplain made a note of the amount of the collection, and paid it to the Butler. A distribution was made four times a year among persons nominated by the Benchers and Associates. The servants of the Society were excluded from the number of possible recipients.

p. 328 Marriages and Christenings, but not Churchings, were allowed to be performed in the Chapel.

p. 266 The Servants of the Society in 1723 were wont in company with gentlemen's servants to leave the Chapel in the time of Divine Service, send for drink and behave themselves "disorderly." Thereupon an order was made of which the effect may still be seen on any Sunday morning: the

two Chief Porters were to attend in their proper habits with their Porters' Staves all the time of Divine Service, and two Badge Porters were to attend at the Chapel stairs to keep away beggars and prevent disorderly practices.

The two earliest coats of arms in the Chapel at the present time appear to be those of Thomas Spencer, who purchased discharge from Reading in 1586, and of Anthony Irby, Autumn Reader in 1590. These are the first of a series of Readers, ending with James Stedman, the last of the Readers of the Society, who read in the Autumn of 1677. In the present West windows, besides the arms of the Readers, are to be found those of a few Benchers of later date. But in the East windows are found the arms of the Treasurers from 1680 to the present time. The arms of Luke Astry, the first of the series, were put up in 1703, pursuant to an order that the coats of arms of every Treasurer since the last Reader should be put up in the East window and in no other place. James Stedman, after putting up his arms as Reader, served as Treasurer for three years, and Luke Astry, having in 1680 succeeded him as Treasurer, fitly heads the series. p. 213

An entry in the Treasurer's Roll for 1718-19 of a payment of 5s. to the silversmith for studs and fastening the silver on the Common Prayer Book "that lies on the Communion Table," refers to the Prayer Book now exhibited in the Library.

Burials continued to take place in the ground under the Chapel of persons who died in the service of the Society and of Fellows who had been in Commons within 12 months of their death. Armorial bearings were put up on the walls over some of the graves. The charge for opening the grave was £1. p. 137

The arches under the Chapel became the resort after sunset of bad characters of both sexes, who gave much trouble to the Society. Women left children whom they could not support. The entry in the Treasurer's Roll of 1731-2 "2s. 6d. to a woman that kept a child that was dropped under the Chapel" is the first of many to the like effect; finishing with that, on the last page of this volume, of the purchase of a pair of stays for George Lincoln, a pair of shoes and three frocks and payments for his board at 4s. a week, and of a payment to the apothecaries for the cure of the foundling boy, George Lincoln. p. 294

THE HALL.

Externally the Hall remained unaltered throughout this period, except that two buttresses on the west side were worked up to support the roof, and an arch turned on each side of the passage door. The turret and roof were

repaired in 1770, and a stone was inserted with the date and the Treasurer's initials.

p. 305 Internally, some alterations were made. Folding doors (? screens with leaves) were made to fit the arches into the Hall: the interior and doors
p. 140 were gilded at a cost of £11; and the arms of distinguished members were set up. It was the courteous practice of the Bench to obtain the permission of the member whom they wished to honour, before setting up his arms.

p. 148 In 1614 a concession was made to a generation not so hardy as their predecessors. "Whereas," says the minute, "heretofore fires have not been allowed at Commons in the term of St. Michael, until the eve of All Saints: and whereas, very few of the gentlemen do come into Commons the beginning of the said term, the season being then very cold and fires needful," fires should be forthwith made at meals in the Hall in that and every succeeding Michaelmas term, so long as Commons continued. This minute is dated at a Council held October 25, at which time it would seem

p. 317 Term at that date had begun. The fire was in the centre of the Hall, for with a view to economy in using coal the Bench in 1738 considered "of making one or more chimnies in the Hall for coal fires," and in due course
p. 327 provided sea coal for the Hall and Buttery.

The allowance in 1684 of four clean table cloths a week, instead of three as theretofore, was advanced in 1717 to clean linen throughout the Hall on every day in term time and on every day to the Bench table. Hollow trenchers were in use at the Reader's Dinner in 1665, and the

p. 282 Treasurer buys round and square trenchers in 1727. The use of gowns was made imperative by the Judges' Orders of 1666: and in addition the Bench in

p. 59 1668 put out a most stringent edict: "Whereas, by the Constitutions and Orders of this Society, no Member ought to come into the Hall at the time of dinner, supper, or exercise, without a gown: and for offending therein divers persons in former times have been expelled this House: and yet some few young gentlemen (being ignorant hereof) have of late, in the vacation time, adventured to come into the Hall with coats and swords, without their gowns, to the great scandal and subversion of the government of this Society," offenders were to lose a week's Commons, and not to be called to the Bar or allowed to sell their Chamber until payment. As may be inferred from the style, this order was composed to be screened in the Hall. The penalty of 8s. 6d. (the price of a week's Commons in term) for not wearing a gown in Hall during vacation was re-affirmed in 1677. Later on a state of things is shown,

p. 249 not unfamiliar to Members of the Universities. "Notice having been taken that several gentlemen appear in Hall either without gowns, or with only

pieces of gowns, contrary to the known Rules of the Society, no gentlemen shall in future appear but in "a decent gown." Again in 1732 no gentleman was allowed to come into Hall, but "in his proper gown" nor "come in nor go out with his hat on." Perhaps the proper gown has reference to a practice pursued in 1737 by Moloney "who has frequently appeared in the Hall in a Bar Gown, though on enquiry it does not appear to the Council that he was p. 251 ever called to the Bar." Moloney was summoned before the Council, but the result is not stated. On two occasions Members of the Bar left Hall before Grace had been said and were reprehended.

The taking or sending Commons out of Hall continued to be strictly forbidden and constantly done. The Clerks of the Benchers ceased to have Commons allowed them in 1737.

The only recorded offence in Hall is that of a Barrister who, contrary p. 256 to the Order brought a dog into Hall at dinnertime. When the Porter attempted to remove the dog, the Barrister offered to fling a pot at the Porter's head and threatened to knock him down: "whereby the Porter was intimidated and unable to execute the order."

The Hall was used for divine service while the Chapel was being repaired. It was also used as a Court of Justice for many years. In 1717, p. 251 Sir J. Jekyll, M.R., at the invitation of the Bench sat in the Hall, while the Rolls House was being rebuilt, the Society spending £1 2s. 6d. in a green cloth to cover the Bench while he sat. Sixteen years later, also at the p. 305 invitation of the Bench, Lord Talbot, then Chancellor, sat in the Hall, at a p. 312 cost to the Society of £1 6s. for candles had in court. Lord Hardwicke* who succeeded him held his first sitting there, as Chancellor, in 1736-7. Incidentally we learn that his sitting produced in 1740 profits, which "except the Hat money," the Porter was bidden to share with the Pannerman. In 1770 the p. 321 Chancellor of the day still held his Court in the Hall, and the Buttery, which in 1739 had been fitted up for the then Chancellor, had gained the more honourable name of the Withdrawing Room.

The Serjeants' Feast of 1688 was held in the Hall, as was that of 1756. On the latter occasion members of the Society were of the number of newly-appointed Serjeants.

When any member of the Society was presented with the Coif, he was p. 373 received by the Masters of the Bench in the Council Chamber, from which he proceeded to the Hall where the members of the Society awaited him, p. 392 gowned and ready to hear the public speeches delivered by a Bencher on p. 409 behalf of the Society and by the outgoing Serjeant.

* A picture of Lord Hardwicke sitting in the Hall of Lincoln's Inn is in the National Portrait Gallery.

LIBRARY.

p. 77 The fund for the general support of the Library in 1672 appears to have
 p. 111 been the 13s. 4d. paid with that object on Call : and the fines for failures of
 p. 85 exercises at Moots and Bolts of 20s. for a Benchers, 13s. 4d. for a Barrister,
 6s. 8d. for Gentlemen under the bar. When the Bar Moots were suppressed
 p. 324 in 1741 the payment on Call was raised from 13s. 4d. to £5. The Keeper of
 Library was a Benchers and appointed, it would seem, for indefinite periods.
 The under Library Keeper attended in 1736, through the whole year from
 nine to one in the forenoon, and from Ladyday to Michaelmas from four to
 p. 345 seven in the afternoon : he was also the 2nd Butler and received 6d. a term
 p. 378 from every member attending the Library, if he could get it. The locks and
 keys of the Library were frequently altered ; probably this was for greater
 security, as the Library contained most of the valuable property of the
 p. 114 Society (except the plate) : the Hale Manuscripts which were kept in
 p. 110 "archives" or presses specially erected for them ; the Fairfax Manuscripts
 also a bequest by a member of the Society, of which two only now can
 p. 231 be identified : the Books bought with the £100 left to the use of the
 p. 255 Society by Sir John Franklyn ; a picture of L.C.J. Rainsford, also a
 bequest ; and the chest of evidences or title deeds of the property of the
 Society.

It was decided by the Bench to lay out the £50 or £100 left by
 Mr. Franklyn, (both sums are mentioned) on books of the Civil Canon
 p. 234 and Feudal Law. The Master of the Library, Crawford, happened to
 be a Scotchman, and made application "to the most learned Civilian,
 Mr. Alex. Cunningham (Professor of Civil Law in the University
 of Edinburgh) for his recommendation of a useful collection of the
 Books above mentioned," and received a catalogue on which the Bench
 acted. Lady Franklyn obtained leave, to hang up an inscription in
 memory of her husband, "a great benefactor to the Society." A portrait
 of Sir J. Franklin, is in the Benchers' Room and it seems possible (in
 the absence of any evidence how this came into the Society's possession)
 that Lady Franklyn presented it in lieu of the inscription above
 mentioned.

p. 265 The sale is recorded of a duplicate copy of Rymer's *Fœdera*, by consent
 of the donor, for £105, in 1722. The globes in the Library were repaired
 p. 289 in 1729. The keeper was authorised to buy the Statutes as they came out,
 p. 296 and all law Books licensed by the Judges. A catalogue was made of the
 p. 334 Library by Mr. Bellamy, a member of the Society, in 1744, and another of
 p. 343 the Manuscripts in 1749.

CHAMBERS.

The description given in the Introduction to Vol. II, p. xv, of the mode in which the chambers were used and occupied, is confirmed by the petition of William Dunch to the Bench. From this it is clear that the lobby or anteroom between the studies was used by the clerks of the co-tenants, each clerk having a table and stool, and being entitled to the access of light from one of the windows in the wainscotting.

The custom, however, was coming in of the whole chamber being taken or bought by one man, and the chamber being thus, as the phrase went, "consolidated." The first instance was in 1670, and the example once set was quickly followed. The admission to a whole chamber cost £130, £350, £450, as the case might be; a fine had to be paid for each chamber, *i.e.*, half chamber so consolidated.

In 1763 it seems to have occurred to the Bench that it would be more profitable to let chambers at a yearly rent instead of, as theretofore, admitting a tenant for life on payment of a sum down. An estimate was obtained of the probable yearly rental obtainable from the ground and first floors in each of the several staircases in Old Buildings: and in 1775 a resolution was come to that for the future the chambers which fell into the Society should be let, not for lives, but from year to year at a rack rent.

Tenants were still restrained from breaking out windows without leave. The keeping of dogs in chambers was forbidden in 1775. The name of Mr. John Stone must be rescued from oblivion. The Bench give him leave in 1771 at his own expense to make (what is the first mentioned) water closet, and lay on New River water for the same, and to make a "Buzaguloe Stove," It is to be regretted that no account is given of the derivation of the name, or of the merits of this stove; but, from the tenor of the minute, it seems to have been then a well-recognised make. The minutes for the years 1774 and 1775 set out the arrangements for the erection of Stone Buildings, and the negotiations which resulted in the erection of the Buildings for the Accountant General and Deputy Registers of the High Court of Chancery, and the building for the Gentlemen of the Six Clerks' Office. These together made up the block of buildings fronting on Chancery Lane, now used as chambers and as the School of Arms for the Inns of Court R. V.

The erection of Serle's Court, now known as New Square, takes up some part of this volume. A Committee was appointed in 1680 to receive such proposals as should be made by Mr. Serle and Mr. Clarke concerning Fickett's Fields, with the result that in 1682 an agreement (which is set out in the Appendix) was entered into between the Society and Henry

Serle, also a member of the Society, for the erection by Serle of three ranges of buildings in Little Lincoln's Inn Fields or Fickett's Fields, to be called Serle's Court. Other persons were interested with Serle or
 p. 461 claimed to be so. One action of Clerk v. Serle was decided by the House
 p. 463 of Lords in Serle's favour in 1685, and another action of Serle v. Clerke, in which Lord Chancellor Jeffreys played a part, was also given in Serle's favour in 1689. Serle died shortly after this decision, and an Act of Parliament was carried in 1690 for the selling of Serle's estate and recognising the agreement between the Society and Serle. In the next
 p. 176 year, Lord Chandos, Henry Vincent, and Dr. Barbon came before the Masters and it was agreed that Dr. Barbon should carry out Serle's agreement with the Society. From a subsequent mention of a Bill in
 p. 182 Chancery against Dr. Barbon and others it may be inferred there were
 p. 185 differences between the contracting parties; and in 1693, Sir Thomas Cooke appears to have taken over the burden of Serle's agreement and to be
 p. 186 engaged in a suit with the Society. By this time some of the buildings
 p. 185 were erected, for 16 inhabitants of Serle's Court were called on to show cause why they had not been admitted to their chambers by the Society, and those of them not admitted to the House why they were not so admitted.
 p. 188 A Book was provided for Serle's Court in which were to be entered the Articles between the Society and Serle, and all past and future orders relating
 p. 198 to the Court. The first instance of reference to chambers by numbers, is on the admission of James Wittewrong, to No. 10, Serle's Court, recorded in the
 p. 200 Serle Court Book. "The New Court, called Serle Court," as a minute recites, having been made by agreement part of the House and subject to the Rules thereof, the Bench repeatedly exacted admission into chambers at the hands of the Society, and compelled every person in residence to become a member of the Society. Under these rules, Sir Philip Yorke, A.G., inhabiting Serle's Court, was compelled to seek admission to the Society in
 p. 212 1724. An attempt was unsuccessfully made to obtain for Serle's Court, the
 p. 216 exemption from Rating which Lincoln's Inn at that time enjoyed. At the
 p. 272 request of the proprietors of Serle's Court, the title deeds of the Court were deposited in the Library: and, later on, the House undertook the gravelling and paving of the area of the *New Square*, in consideration of a payment by the Proprietors. The index will shew many details, for which space cannot be found here.

COMMONS.

The charge for Commons to the Bar and Students was in 1661 8s. 6d. for every week except Grand Week for which the charge was 10s. Every member was required to pay a minimum sum in respect of Commons for

each term. This, called absent Commons, was fixed for a resident in the country in 1661 at a week's Commons and later on at a fortnight's Commons or 17s.; but any one *visus in villā* was "cast into Grand Week" at 15s., which brought his payment up to 23s. 6d. a term; Benchers and Associates paid 14s. a week, whether absent or present: a Bencher, whose clerk was in Commons, paid 16s. a week for himself and his clerk. Any Member had the privilege of coming in and taking a repast at the price of 1s. 4d. (raised to 1s. 6d.) for each repast. An attempt was made to limit this privilege to Bar Moot days only and to Wednesdays, when Term began or ended on that day. As this restriction did not long remain in force, the privilege of taking repasts must have been of value to some members: it probably enabled them to attend the Moots and Bolts which were held in Vacation without paying Vacation Commons. p. 11

Vacation Commons were a convenience both to Students and Barristers who had to keep exercises in vacation. Mr. Prynne's Committee in 1660 reported in favour of the system. The charge was 6s. 6d. a week provided 30 Barristers and gentlemen were in Commons. In 1672 there was no reading, and the Bench refused to supply Commons, unless 20 gentlemen remained and paid their Commons beforehand. The "disorder" of 1680 has been dealt with under the head of Finance. Nine years later the Steward complains that there are no vacation Commons, no Readings, few Grand Days, and very few gentlemen in Commons in the Term Time. In 1725 the Bar and Students complain that having a right to keep Vacation Commons, they were refused liberty to keep them according to the usage of the Society, and yet were obliged to pay a fine for not keeping them, which was not in their power to do. Leave was therefore given for Vacation Commons, if there were a subscription of 21 gentlemen for that purpose, and if gowns were worn in Hall. The charge was to be 1s. 6d. towards the cost of bread, beer, and charcoal, &c., and 5s. for other expenses. p. 170

The food was the subject of much consideration. In 1693 the practice of keeping Ember weeks and fish days other than Fridays and Saturdays in every week was abandoned because "several gentlemen put themselves out of Commons and deserted the Hall, being unwilling to be tied to eat such unwholesome diet as salt fish and ling in the summer season to the great prejudice of their healths." A few years later the gentlemen petitioned that the dinner and supper might be reduced into one. This was granted by the Bench and dinner hour fixed at 2 p.m. A schedule of dinners was drawn up; the food was to be boiled beef; roast loins of mutton (for some reason legs of mutton had not been supplied up to this date) and fish. Beer at 10s. a barrel, but no more ale at the cost of the house. The price paid by p. 203

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the Inn was 2s. for each mess, showing that then, as now, the amount paid for the dinners in Hall did not meet the cost of them.

pp. 260-1 In 1721 salt fish which had been the diet for each Friday in Easter and Trinity Terms and fish for every other Friday were discontinued, their place being taken by fish or flesh as the Quatuor should order.

p. 322 A Committee in 1741 inquired into all the grievances, extravagant and *seq.* expenses, and other mismanagements of the Society. They cut down the number of dishes on Grand Day, and made recommendations as to the purchase and consumption of wine, and reported that the cook was appropriating nearly half the mutton under the form of perquisites. Another schedule of dinners was promulgated in 1762, in which the first item of dinners on Fridays in Michaelmas and Trinity Terms is "Oysters as usual."

p. 421 The hour of weekday dinners in 1751 was 3 p.m., and on Sundays at 2 p.m.; but in 1774 was put forward to 4 p.m. during term time.

p. 331 Wine was supplied in Hall to those who desired it, and the profits of the wine sold divided between the Head Porter and the Pannyerman.

The beer pots, salt-cellars and candlesticks used in the Hall appear to have been of pottery, and bought by the load; £11 7s. is charged for two loads in 1692. Thirteen dozen candlesticks were bought for 6s. 6d. in 1715, and 11s. 3d. paid for pots bought at the Temple in 1727.

AMUSEMENTS.

Of the four Grand days (Vol. II., p. 235) only two are mentioned in this volume, that in Michaelmas Term held first on November 1st, and later on on the second Thursday in the Term, and that held on Candlemas Day. No Grand Day was held in 1679, because of the sad condition of the Temples, occasioned by the late dreadful fire, and (secondly) because the Feast of the Purification fell on the Lord's Day. The same course was followed in 1684 during the Great Frost, and sums of money were given to the poor of the two adjacent parishes and the poor prisoners of the Fleet, King's Bench, and Marshallsea Prisons.

Appen- Revels were held in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms. Those attended by
dix. Charles II. were on January 3rd and 28th and in November. The gentlemen
pp. 137, were encouraged "to capacitate themselves to be Revellers"; the Book of
227 the Revels for 1662 contains the Programme of a very successful entertain-
ment. The Master was usually of standing: Sir John Lee was made an
Associate in the year of his office; Mr. Rich another Master of the Revels
was Lent Reader in the second year after he was Master. Mr. Rich's Bill
p. 76 for musick and lights for the year 1671 when Charles II. was present was

taxed down to £7 19s. 8d. The penalty for refusing to serve was for the most part £20.

The Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn dined with the Society in 1660: p. 15
on another occasion the ancient custom of a comotation with the Middle Temple was revived.

THAVIES INN.

The Summer Reading of the year 1664 failed through the fault of the Inn; as this happened only a few months after the issue of the Judges' Orders, which specially enjoined continuance of Readings, the Society fined Thavies Inn twenty nobles and pressed for the money.

Seven years later the rent was in arrear. As the lease had run out the Society brought an action of ejectment; Thavies Inn acknowledged the title of the Society and prayed for a new lease. Terms were agreed, but the Inn delayed taking up the lease; in the end a lease for 41 years was p. 90
granted and accepted, and the Inn was in occupation in 1677, having in p. 112
the meantime erected new buildings and a new Hall.

In 1713 the Inn, on the ground of the vast expenses they had been at p. 241
in repairing their premises, prayed for a new lease. Two years later the Inn is reported to be in a very flourishing condition, and the Society consider the question of a new lease. There is no further mention of the Inn until p. 393
1768, when an order is made for the appointment of a caretaker, and for the p. 393
issue of an advertisement for letting the Inn. Advertisements in the *Daily Advertiser* and *Gazetteer* failed to produce a tenant, and in January, 1769, Thavies Inn was advertised to be "sold and not let." In May, the Bench p. 398
declared that Mr. Middleton, of Lincoln's Inn, was "the best bidder for the absolute purchase of Thavies Inn, at the sum of £4,100," and the sale was completed in July, 1772.

In accordance with a resolution of the Bench, the money produced by p. 399
the sale was applied wholly or in part to the building of Stone Buildings.

FURNIVAL'S INN.

Bland's Buildings had been completed in 1660, and a prolonged negotiation between the Society and Furnival's Inn resulted in a lease by p. 20
the Society at a rent of £8 a year with a present fine of £150 for a term of 50 years. A new lease was granted of Furnival's Inn in 1718 at the old rent p. 253
on payment of £50 fine for 60 years; this was renewed in 1756 for 61 years p. 361
at a rent of £8 a year with a covenant against assigning without leave or demising any portion to any person who did not practice or profess the law.

The procedure in the election of a Reader (of which part appears in Vol. I., pp. 336-363) is now fully shown. It was the duty of the outgoing
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- p. 23 Reader to submit a list of members of Lincoln's Inn qualified to read to the Bench ; out of this list the Bench chose three whose names were put before Furnival's Inn, and that Inn elected one of the three Readers for the ensuing year. The accident of a challenged election induced the Bench acting in the
- pp. 98, spirit of the Orders of 1664 to frame regulations for elections in future. The
- 99 first of these, describing the voting body of Furnival's Inn as "Ancients and others," proceeds to legislate on that basis. As the Principal and Ancients were the governing body, "the others" can only mean the other members of the Inn, and it follows that the voting body was all the members of the Inn. This conclusion supports the theory that the Inns of Chancery had a more popular form of government than the Inns of Court.

There is no protest against the rule of Lincoln's Inn during the whole of this period. Probably this unprecedented peace is due to the reassertion in the Judges' Orders of 1664 of the complete subordination of an Inn of Chancery to the Inn of Court whose property it was.

ATTORNEYS AND SOLICITORS.

- The Orders of 1664 lay down that from thenceforth no Common Attorney or Solicitor be admitted of any of the four Inns of Court, repeating the Orders of 1614 and 1630 on the matter. But this injunction seems to
- p. 59 have been disregarded : for in 1668 the names of all Attorneys, Solicitors and Clerks who had been lately admitted into the House were to be delivered to
- p. 60 the next Council, and for the future none were to be admitted without the leave of the Council : and none, who had been admitted and practised, should be admitted into any chambers, so long as they continued such employment,
- p. 70 unless for good cause shown. Two years later the Bench refuse to allow the sale of a chamber to "a practising Clerk," and take like action in 1677. In 1772 the Attorneys and Solicitors are called on to pay their arrears for Commons and other dues on pain of being expelled the Society ; and an Attorney is in the next year expelled for non-payment of dues.

- Attorneys and Solicitors still remained Members of the Society. It was
- p. 126 found necessary in 1679 to order that thenceforward no practising Attorney or Solicitor of the House should be called to the Bar : and Mr. Warkhouse, one
- p. 134 of the Fellows, being desirous of call to the Bar, discontinued the practice of an Attorney and put himself out of the Roll of Attorneys : he then applied himself to the study of the law and performed all his exercises and "civilly behaved himself by the space of seven years in the Society." The Bench called him to the Bar in 1681. Mr. Strode took the like course in 1687.
- p. 374 The Four Inns agreed in 1762 that no Attorney or Solicitor, Clerk in Chancery or Exchequer, should be called until they had discontinued

practising as such for two years. Before the close of this volume in 1776 two solicitors, members of the House had been called to the Bar under those conditions.

The Solicitor, who was a member of the House, became subject to the rule forbidding litigation by a member of the House against the House or any other member. Mr. Martin, a member of the Society, misbehaved himself in being a common solicitor and particularly in soliciting a cause against the Society. Summoned before the Council, "on reproof by the Masters given him for this offence he so misdemeaned himself as he gave them a further just cause against him." Mr. Martin was put out of Commons, but on apology was readmitted. p. 106

Here may be set down the employment of a "private," and not a "common" solicitor by the Society. Mr. Goodricke, the Reader of Divinity, was desired, in 1675, to manage and solicit the business for recovery of the Charity or pious use given by the last Will of Henry Colfer Esq., late one of the Fellows of this Society, and was to be reimbursed his expences, out of the money recovered. This employment ceased the next year; but in 1685, prosecution of the same suit, was directed, and Mr. Goodricke "was employed to solicit the same," another instance, is that of Morse, in 1693. p. 102 p. 150 p. 186

CHRONICLE.

The Restoration leaves a marvellously small mark on the Records of the Society.

Within one month from the return of Charles II, two gentlemen, whose chambers had been disposed of during their suspension from the Society by colour of an Ordinance of Parliament for their adhering to the late King Charles of blessed memory and serving him in his wars, petitioned for a compensation. At the same Council eighteen Benchers "did solemnly take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy," and those Masters absent were ordered to follow their example within a convenient time. The Principals of Thavies Inn and Furnival's Inn are recorded to have taken the oaths at the Bench Table End. p. 2

After the Long Vacation, came the expulsion from the Society of Millington, Corbett, Love, and Garland, Fellows of the Society, and every other person "that had any hand in that horrid and treacherous act of murdering our late Sovereign Lord K. Charles I of blessed memory or are, by his Majesty and now Parliament excepted out of their late gracious Act of Oblivion." These four had sat as Judges on the trial of Charles I, and all but Love signed the death warrant. Mr. Oliver St. John had the privilege of a stair case into the garden and a back door into Chancery Lane; and this was taken p. 4

away for reasons, which, considering the part he had played, may have been political, or may well have been based on the supposed interests of the Inn. Seven gentlemen only receive compensation for the loss of their chambers.

- p. 7 Two others whose call had been delayed by their opposition to the Parliament were called: of these Mr. Robert Clarke is an instance, having been admitted a student "about twelve years since, but by reason of the late usurpation in Government having withdrawn himself for many years, and thereby lost his opportunity, as many others have done, of being called to the Bar in course and according to his time: and he being a person very well known to be rightly affected to the King's Majesty and Kingly Government," is ordered to be called to the Bar.

- p. 25 But the Royalist party did not have their own way in all matters. The Society had become possessed of "the King's Majesty's picture, and had hung it in the Council Chamber; it was placed in the Hall temporarily and while there was removed and taken away from the Hall by the means of some of the Fellows of the Society with an intent (as was conceived) to obstruct the order and direction of the Masters of the Bench." The Bench order that the picture be produced and delivered to the Chief Butler. As nothing is now known of any such picture it may be assumed that those who took it away never returned it. This incident closes the record of the Restoration in the Society's Books.

- p. 440 Charles II.'s first visit to Lincoln's Inn was on January 3rd, 1662. He came to see the Revels; fortunately a copy of the Book of the Revels has been preserved in the Library; its contents are reprinted in the Appendix.

- p. 24 The Society this year spent £2 17s. 6d. for wine, ale and faggots for the fire at the Queen's coming.

- pp. 46-9 In 1665 comes the first notice of the Great Plague. Strangers were ordered out of the Inn, and none but persons of quality were admitted to the Chapel during the time of infection. There was no autumn Reading; the Preacher and Chaplain were given leave of absence until May, 1666, and watchers were appointed to guard the Inn. The mortality among the lawyers must have been considerable, for according to the memoirs of the Verney Family (Vol. IV., p. 130), Jefferies Verney, a lad in his teens, profiting by the havoc the plague had wrought among the lawyers, "put a gown on his back and began to plead before he had been called to the Bar." Upon the Plague followed the Fire; and compensation is paid to the vintner at the St. John's Head Tavern in Chancery Lane for damage sustained by pulling down that house for the preservation of the Society in case the "late dreadful fire had approached so near to it." The limit of the fire is described in a letter printed in the Memoirs of the Verney Family (Vol. IV., pp. 139-140):

Sir Nathaniel Hobart's house in Chancery Lane escaped, "but the fire was near them (the Hobart's) behind the Rolls where it got a great check." The fire however approached so close that, as a precaution, some of the goods of the Inn were moved at a cost of 20s.

In 1666, Sir Thomas Beverley was a Master of the Bench, and also Master of Requests. Sir Thomas was the holder of a Bench Chamber, and not having read in his turn, was ordered either to pay for his Chamber 200 marks, or leave it to the use of those Masters who had read, and wanted chambers, or who were about to read. He, it seems, appealed to the King, who, on the 19th November, wrote to "Our trusty and well beloved Masters of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn," signifying his pleasure, that the Bench should remit the fine, and allow him exemption so long as he continued Master of Requests, on the ground that the Master of Requests was one of the Royal Household Servants. A Committee of the Bench was appointed to wait upon his Majesty, and explain the situation. What passed at the interview, if one took place, does not appear; but a Minute of May 24th, 1669, discharges Sir Thomas of Readings, and of fines imposed on him for not Reading; "this is done" it adds "in obedience to the Command of the King's Letter." p. 58 p. 449

King Charles' second visit to the Revels of Lincoln's Inn was in January, 1670-1. The Admission Register shows the admission of the Duke of Somerset, the Duke of Richmond and Lennox, and the Marquis of Worcester. App. p. 451

His third visit was on the occasion of his dining with the Reader, Sir Francis Goodricke in February, 1671-2. The signatures of his suite form the frontispiece to this Volume. p. 79

"A memorial of the King's high favour to the Society" was drawn up by Sir Robert Atkyns and written in the same book wherein the King and several of the nobility are admitted." p. 79

In the same year an application was made to the Bench touching a contribution for the redeeming of the Algiers captives. To this, directed to the Lord Keeper and recommended by him to the Society, an answer was made somewhat notable: Firstly, that the Society was not a corporation; secondly, that briefs had not been sent to any Inn of Court; and thirdly, that the greatest part of this Society, having habitations in the country, would contribute where they lived, and that the other part were young gentlemen and had only exhibitions (*i.e.*, allowances) to live on. p. 84

In 1678-9 the House of Lords required a return from all Inns of Court and Chancery "of the Irishmen and of the Papists or reputed Papists." Lincoln's Inn returns two Irishmen, and altogether six Papists. Thavies Inn and Furnival's Inn have neither Irishmen nor Papists, as the Principals return. App. p. 454

p. 457 The Moorish Ambassador dined with the Bench in 1682 and left his signature in the Royal Book. This is given in the Appendix.

In 1685 came the Revocation of the Treaty of Nantes, and the issue p. 157-8 under the Great Seal of a Brief for a collection for the French Protestants : a systematic visitation from Chamber to Chamber, by the Chief Butler, produced a sum which was paid into the Chamber of London in accordance with His Majesty's proclamation.

James II. by the year 1686 had made up his mind to open the Bar to p. 158 Roman Catholics : and His Majesty's Solicitor-General, Sir Thomas Powys, in 1686 intimated to the Bench H.M.'s pleasure, that six members of the Inn should be called to the Bar : the Bench obeyed, and on July 4, 1688, on a similar intimation called Mr. Brown and Mr. Collett. William III's landing at Torquay became known in London on November 6th. On November 8th, Mr. Brown and Mr. Collett were called on to show cause why the order for their call to the Bar should not be vacated. Subsequently Mr. Collett's call was published ; but there is no record of the fate of p. 166-7 Mr. Brown. The change of Kings is marked by an absence of entries in the Black Book between November 8th, 1688, and February 7th, 1689.

pp. In 1701, Sir Richard Holford, one of the Masters, discovered that the 267-8-9 Coat of Arms used by the Society was not properly depicted, and he was directed to obtain an authentic certificate from the Heralds' College. Mr. Gregory King, Lancaster Herald, at the request of the Society, had the arms "depainted," and placed in a frame ; this painting still exists, showing the coat to be "azure, semé de fer de moline or, on a dexter canton or, a lion rampant purple."

The great storm of November 26th, 1703 (alluded to by Addison in his "Campaign") which caused such great damage in London and the Country did not leave Lincoln's Inn untouched. The entry of June 22nd, 1704, is sufficiently eloquent. "The bricklayer's bill now offered in Council by Mr. Treasurer amounting to a great sum of money, occasioned by the late great tempestuous wind shall be considered."

The Coronation of George II put the Society to an expense of 8s. for watching about the Inn on October 11, 1727.

The accounts for the years 1759-63* show the purchase by the Bench for use in the Chapel of forms of prayer marking the progress of the British Arms in those years. A general fast on February 16th, and a Thanksgiving on February 18th ; the latter, probably for the taking of Goree by Commander Keppel ; a thanksgiving on November 29th for the taking of Quebec, and a

* Sir H. Walpole writes in November, 1759, "Indeed one is forced to ask every morning what victory there is for fear of missing one."

form of prayer on Admiral Hawke's defeating the French fleet at Quiberon ; in 1761 forms of prayer on the surrender of Pondicherry, Bellisle, Dominica and the late success in Germany (at Fillingshausen) precede a thanksgiving for the taking of Cuba. The conclusion of the Peace of Paris is marked by thanksgiving in 1763. The birth of George IV. and of the Duke of York were also acknowledged by thanksgiving in the Chapel.

Some casual notices of matters in the Inn may here be gathered together. p. 11
 Women were forbidden to lodge in the Inn. Public dancing was forbidden p. 203
 with strangers, either in the Hall, Buttery, or Council Chamber. No coaches p. 35
 in 1688 were allowed to come into the Courts of the House, but such as were p. 162
 "Noblemen's, Judges', and the King's Council," unless by special direction from
 any Master of the Bench. No coaches at all were admitted within gates p. 206
 after 10 p.m., at which hour the Keys of the Great Gates were deposited in
 the Chamber of the Keeper of the Black Book for the night. This was in
 1700 ; by 1772 Sedan Chairs must have been in general use ; and the Great
 Gate in Serle's Court was open for the admittance and going out of Sedan
 Chairs. In the next year "carriages," which apparently had superseded
 "coaches," are forbidden entrance by the Chancery Lane Gate during
 Sundays from 12 to 1 o'clock.

Efforts were made for the decoration of the Inn by the erection of dials p. 275
 and seats, a pillar with a clock on it, statues, one of which was a mermaid, and
 the making of basins of water in the Benchers' Garden and elsewhere ; the p. 193
 water being supplied by the New River Company at £10 per annum from p. 140
 their mains near the Terrace Wall in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Protection was taken against fire and robbery by the construction of a p. 254
 reservoir, the purchase of a fire engine by Newsham, and the patrolling of p. 334
 the Inn by night watchmen. Gentlemen on any of the staircases were p. 313
 forbidden to light any but globular lamps. There were fires in 1730 and
 1735, but a great fire broke out in 1752 ; an account of it taken from the p. 473
Gentleman's Magazine appears in the Appendix.

The centre of New Square was laid down in gravel, and seems to have
 been used for showing off horses ; an order of the Bench prohibits any p. 303
 person riding any horse or mare "within the Society" (sic), in order for sale,
 or bringing any horse or mare but what belonged to a member. Probably in
 the same place Sir J. Fleet, Alderman of London and Colonel of the Red p. 212
 Regiment drew up his Regiment for two hours, one Lord Mayor's Day, when
 Queen Anne had arranged to dine at the Guild Hall. The Masters were
 pleased to give him leave, upon promise that no guns should be fired, nor no
 drums beaten, but what were necessary for their marching in and out.

The Society are recognised from time to time to have a voice in the user

and laying out of Lincoln's Inn Fields : they successfully protest against the
 p. 217 erection of booths and watchmen's boxes—and only consent to a roadway
 p. 308 being made in the Fields next to the "Terrass" wall, on condition that no
 coachway be made at any time from Great Turnstile into Lincoln's Inn
 Fields.

Many of the pictures and prints in the possession of the Society are
 mentioned in this volume. The picture of L.C.J. Hale was ordered to
 p. 114 be prepared for and hung up in the Library in 1677. No entry of payment
 for the picture appears in the accounts for that date, and in 1681 the Bench
 order that the picture of the late L.C.J. be very well drawn and set up in
 the Library at the charge thereof. The original order evidently was not
 carried out, and the execution of the second was deferred. For in 1720 is a
 p. 258 payment of £14 2s. 6d. to Mr. Rayner for a picture of "Justice Hale." In
 1768 the picture of L.C.J. Hale, then in the Library, is copied for the
 Hon. Charles Yorke. At present there is but one picture of Hale in the
 possession of the Society, traditionally ascribed to Michael Wright. Whether
 the picture ordered in 1677 was not painted till 1720, and whether Rayner
 and not Wright is painter of the picture now in the Drawing room are
 questions which await solution. Sir J. Franklyn's picture probably was
 p. 235 the present of Lady Franklyn in lieu of the inscription authorised to be
 set up in the Library in 1709.

Of the prints, 20 were bought of John Bunce at 8s. a piece, and seventeen
 p. 329 more, at 10s. 6d. each. The Treasurer of the next year, 1743, was desired to buy
 p. 330 as many more prints as would make the set of Judges complete, and
 p. 349 hang them in the Council Room. Five guineas were paid to Mr. Virtue,
 p. 343 for the print of the Chapel in 1752. The prints of Lord Chancellor Talbot,
 Lord Northington, Lord Mansfield, and Lord Camden, were ordered to be
 bought in 1768, and the cost of Lord Northington and Lord Camden with
 frames, was 8s. 6d. each from Mr. Agar ; 10s. 6d. was paid to Mr. Boydell,
 p. 401 for Lord Camden's print.

How the Wyndham Legacy of £200 was spent in a picture by Hogarth
 to be placed at the upper end of the Hall is to be found at pp. 339 and 347.
 The Picture now stands in the Benchers' Vestibule and original letters from
 Hogarth are on the Drawing Room walls.

p. 228 Serjeant Green is noted "for the continuance of himself and his
 ancestors in the Society for one hundred years." A modern instance of as
 long a connection may be found in the note.*

* Cecil H. Russell (adm. 1853, and a present Master of the Bench) is the son of George Lake Russell (adm. 1823, and Judge of County Courts), who was the son of Henry Russell (adm. 1768, afterwards Chief Justice of Bengal, a Privy Councillor and a Baronet).

One entry, full of mystery, may well close the preface to this volume. It is in the accounts of 1727. "Five shillings paid to William Redington to encourage him to burn the charm and looking after the people in the Kitchen."

Mr. W. P. Baildon, F.S.A., prepared all of this volume, except the Preface, bringing to his labour knowledge of the past and veneration for the Inn of which he is a member.

JAMES DOUGLAS WALKER,

A Master of the Bench.

Lincoln's Inn,

October, 1899.



THE BLACK BOOKS

OF

LINCOLN'S INN.

Officers for 1660.*

1660.

Treasurer: M^r Richard Raynsford.

Keeper of the Black Book: Mr. Thomas Beverley.

Council held on May 31st, 1660, 12 Charles II.†

BOOK VIII.
fo. 669.

Present:

John Harrison,	William Foxwist,
Thomas Williams,	George Day,
Richard Rainsford,	Edward Rich,
Richard Estcourt,	Richard Reed,
Thomas Beverley,	John Wentworth,
William Glascock,	Richard Graves,

Esquires.

M^r Page, M^r Rich and M^r Wentworth shall proceed in preparing a Bill in Chancery for proving M^r Colfer's will *in perpetuam rei memoriam*, according to a former order.

The question of the trees in the walks felled by the Pannierman shall be inquired into, and reported on at the next Council.

* The Readings had been discontinued since the Autumn Reading of 1642; the office of the Marshal ceased at the same date; and the office of Pensioner had been abolished, or allowed to drop, (*see* Vol. II, pp. 361, 393). The appointment of the Master of the Revels ceases to be formally recorded, and the Stewardship of the Reader's Dinner is at this time always compounded for. The Dean of the Chapel, the Master of the Walks and the Keeper of the Library, were not at this time officers for a year only, but were, as will appear, appointed for indefinite periods from time to time.

† Charles was proclaimed king on May 8th, landed at Dover on the 26th, arriving in London on the 29th. His regnal year was calculated from Jan. 30th, 1649.

fo. 670.

Call to the Bench :

M^r Thomas Jones, with a *salvo* of his antiquity.

"That Walter Carwarden, Christopher Hatch, John Healey, Richard Bateman, John Kirby, Anthony Hall, John Warfield, James Pemberton, John Sidney, Edward Coddington, Thomas Wake and Charles London, and no others, be allowed and continued Porters to this Societie; and that they weare at their brests for badges, the Armes of Lincolne's Inne, the provision whereof at the charge of the House is referred to the Steward, but he is not to exceed the price of eight shillings a peice, unlesse the said Porters or anie of them are willing at their owne charge to enlarge the said badges."

Council held on June 28th, 1660.

Nineteen Benchers present.

fo. 671.

"That the severall petitions of M^r William Griffith and M^r George Blundell, two of the gent. of this Society, whose chambers have been disposed of by the House during their suspension from the Society by colour of an Ordinance of Parliament for their adheereing to the late King Charles of blessed memory, and serving him in his warrs, be referred to M^r Dunvill, M^r Wentworth, M^r Howell, M^r Day, M^r Manby and M^r Charlton, or any three of them." They are to report whether the statements made in the petitions are correct, to whom the chambers were sold, what money was received for them, and what dues were owing by the petitioners at the time of their suspension.

Call to the Bar :

Julius Glanvill and Edward Rich. M^r Rich's publication is suspended because he "hath not performed the compleate number of exercises formerly ordered by the Masters of the Bench to be performed by those who shall be called to the Barre."

Ambrose Betts and Michael Thomas are admitted into the number of the Porters, upon their petitions showing that they have acted as Porters for many years. The Steward shall provide them with badges.

At this Council eighteen Benchers "did solempnly take the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy; and it was then ordered that such of the Masters of the said Bench who were then absent, shall within convenient time take the same Oathes, and that for the future none shall be admitted to or be Associates at the Bench or Barre till they have taken the said Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, in such manner as hath been formerly accustomed in this Society before the late Warrs."

Council held on July 5th, 1660.

fo. 672.

Fourteen Benchers present.

"Upon the petition of M^r Adam Cusack, shewing that he is a native of the Kingdome of Ireland and that his extraordinary occasions call him thither, and the Masters of the Bench, takeing notice of the many exercises he hath performed, and there having been severall presidents for calling students of this Society, being natives of that Kingdome, to the Barre upon their returne into their own cuntry before seaven yeares accomplished from their admission,—have thought fitt and doe order the said M^r Cusack to be called to the Barre and published the next moot; but he is not to practice in England till he be of full seaven yeares standing of this Society; and this Order is not to be a president for calling any of the natives of this Kingdome to the Barre before the accustomed time."

"That the Pannyerman, when the season of the yeare serves, doe at his own charge plant twenty trees in the Walkes, and make good that number in case any of the plants shall happen to dye; and that he doe not for the future presume to medle with the felling any trees without licence from the Master of the Walkes, upon paine of being turned out of his office."

"Memorandum that the Principalls of the severall Inns of Chancery belonging to this Society have taken the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, at the Bench table end."

James Fewtrill, a servant in the kitchen, is appointed one of the Porters; the Steward shall provide him with a badge. The Steward must take order that the badges be returned to him in case of death or removal from the Society.

"That the Steward deliver the thanks of the Masters of the Bench, and 40s. as a gratuity to M^r Bloome, if he thinke fitt to accept thereof, for the booke by him presented to the Society at this Counsell."* fo. 673.

The Wages of Thomas Norris, the gardener, are increased to £16 a year. The Steward shall take order for the erection of a pump in the Garden this Long Vacation.

Council held on November 5th, 1660.

Twelve Benchers present.

Mistress Winsper shall be tenant of the stationer's shop under the Gate upon the like terms as her late husband had it.

Abstenius Pardey is appointed a Porter; he shall have a badge. No more shall be appointed until a vacancy occurs.

* See *post*, p. 6.

fo. 674. The Keeper of the Black Book shall write to Thomas Weld, Esq., touching his Reading in next Lent Vacation.* If he refuse, then M^r Williams, the next in turn to Read, shall be spoken to about it.

"That M^r Prin, M^r Ashton, M^r Beverley and M^r Glascocke, . . . doe meet and conferre with the Benchers of the rest of the Innes of Courts concerning Reading in Lent, and resolve upon some answer to be made to the Judges' proposalls concerning Readings."

Every gentleman in commons or seen in town any time within that week shall pay 15s. for the said Grand Week's commons.

Council held on November 19th, 1660.

"Ordered that Gilbert Millington, Miles Corbett, Nicholas Love, and Augustine Garland, Fellowes of this Society,† and all and every other person or persons whatsoever of this Society that had any hand in that horrid and trecherous act of murdering our late Soveraign Lord, King Charles the First, of blessed memory, or that are by his Majesty and his now Parliament excepted out of their late gracious Act of Oblivion, be expelled this Society of Lincoln's Inne abovesaid; and that the respective chambers of onely the said persons be forfeited and seised upon to the use of this House. And that this said Order be forthwith screened in the Hall of the said House, in the usuall place for such things."

fo. 675. "That the exercise of Mootes, Pleadings and Bolts be performed by the Barresters and students of this Society, as formerly and accustomedly they have been performed, and under the same penalties in case of fayler of Exercise; any pretence or allegation to the contrary notwithstanding."

M^r Goodricke is pardoned the failure of the exercise charged on him, because he was employed about the affairs of his country in Parliament, and also because no notice was given and no case brought to him.

Council held on November 27th, 1660.

Twelve Benchers present.

fo. 676. The Treasurer shall forthwith pay £45 to M^r Roger King in full recompense for his chamber; all house duties owing by M^r King are remitted.

M^r George Blundell shall receive £20 for the like.

* See Vol. II, pp. 381, 393, 422, 432. Weld had not read.

† All four had sat as Judges on the trial of Charles I, and all but Love signed the death warrant. Love escaped, and died in Switzerland in 1682; Garland and Millington were both condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted. Corbet was executed in 1662. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

The Treasurer shall pay to M^r Oglandby £10, as a gratuity for the Bible he presented to the Society.*

"That M^r James,† haveing been admitted student of this Society above thirteen yeares since, and many of his time haveing been called to the Barre without performance of exercise, the discontinuance whereof was occacioned by the late Warrs for severall yeares both before and after the said M^r James had time to be called to the Barre, and he declining his right thereunto att that time by reason of the ingagement‡ for a Comonwealth against Kingly government, required of all persons to be admitted to the profession and practice of the Law, and he being a person known to be rightly affected to the present government and opposite to the late usurped powers,—It is therefore ordered that the said M^r James, paying all house duties, be called to the Barre, and his antiquity saved unto him." Not to be a precedent.

Call to the Bar:

Samuel Roper, Richard Silverlocke, and Roger Clavell.

"That M^r Treasurer doe pay unto M^r Deane Reives twenty *fo.* 677. pounds for this Terme, settled upon him by former Order; and that from henceforth the payment of twenty pounds termely to the said M^r Deane is to cease, and the Order whereby the same was settled upon him is vacated."§

A Committee is appointed to report on the lease of the house in Newgate Market to the Steward, and as to the rent payable to this Society for the yard of ground at the upper end of the garden wall, towards Holborn.

Ordered "That Oliver St'John, Esq., be desired to take downe his staircase into the garden, and to walle up his back doore into Chancery Lane, before the next terme."

Ordered "that the copy of the letter sent to the Masters of *fo.* 678. the Bench by Sir Harbotle Grimston, Speaker to the House of Comons in Parliament assembled, be screened, and the names of all gent. of this Society and strangers lodging in the House be

* This volume, a ponderous folio, has the following printed on the fly-leaf:—"To the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inne, this Book, the Holy Bible, of the fairest edition, last and best translation; adorn'd with chorographicall sculpture, presents, their most obedient and humble servant, John Ogilby." For an account of Ogilby, see *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

† Thomas James, adm. Nov. 15, 1647.

‡ See Vol. II, p. 383.

§ See Vol. II, pp. 414, 419. The title of Dean seems to identify him with Bruno Ryves; he had been appointed Dean of Chichester in 1646, but was not installed until July 12th, 1660; he was appointed Dean of Windsor in August of the same year, and Registrar of the Order of the Garter shortly afterwards. He died July 13th, 1677. He was the Author of "Mercurius Rusticus; or the Countries Complaint of the Barbarous Outrages committed by the Sectaries of this late flourishing Kingdom." See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

delivered to Mr Daye and Mr Graves, to whome it is referred to proceed as they shall thinke fitt for giving satisfaction touching the businesse of Poll Mony, as is required by the contents of the said letter." *

Mr Holcroft is fined £10 for default as one of the Readers of the Inns of Chancery.

†Accounts of Richard Rainsford, Serjeant at Law, the Treasurer, from Nov. 22nd, 1659, to Nov. 27th, 1660.

Receipts: £1,213 1s. od. Including £555 2s. balance from the last account; £128 3s. 4d. for general admissions; £250 13s. 4d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £25 (£5 each) for discharge from the office of Steward of the Reader's Dinner; £5 from Luke Constable, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent; £3 6s. 8d. from Hatton Barners, Principal of Thavies Inn, for the like; £160 from Keilway Guidott, received by him on the Preacher's Roll; £4 3s. 4d. found under the Chapel; £27 10s. from Mr. Colfer's executors, for sermons preached at the Inn.

Payments: £749 14s. 4d. Including £100 to Mr Greenfield, [the Preacher], for his stipend, and £24 for his vacation commons; £80 to Dean Ryves; £40 to Mr Ashley, [the Chaplain], for his stipend; £24 to Mr Greenfield for sermons; 20s. to Richard Provender, the Chief Butler, and 20s. to John Whatley, from Mr Colfer's legacy; 22s. 10d. to Mr Henry Fauntleroy, attorney, for law expenses in connection with the building in Lincoln's Inn Fields; £6 to John Atkinson for music at the Feast of the Purification, 12s. for candles, and 42s. for wine; £8 for velvet for the pulpit, 50s. for a fringe for it, 15s. for making it, and £6 10s. for embroidering it; 40s. to Mr. Boucher for a sermon on the day of Thanksgiving; £7 10s. for 15 badges for the Porters; 40s. to Richard Bloome for the Herald's Book [*pro libro caduceatorum*]; † 8s. 8d. to the Clerk of S. Andrew's for the Bills of Mortality; £18 to Sir Richard Browne, Knight, for music at the Revels [?; *diebus iocosis*]; £10 each to Richard Rainsford, Wadham Windham and Job Charleton, Serjeants at Law, £3 for gloves and 3s. for purses; 10s. for candles at the Revels [?; *iocosis noctibus*.]

Balance: £463 6s. 8d.

* The Poll Tax was imposed by Stat. 12 Car. II, cap. ix; "An Act for the speedy provision of money for disbanding and paying off the forces of this kingdom both by land and sea." The details of the assessment will be found in *The Royal Treasury of England*, 1725, p. 303. Serjeants at Law paid £50; Barristers were not rated as such; perhaps they were included under Advocates, who paid £5. Attorneys paid £3.

† These accounts, and some others which will appear in their proper places, are taken from the original Rolls preserved in the Steward's office.

‡ Blome published the 4th edition of Guillim's *Display of Heraldrie* in 1660. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

Officers for 1661.

1661.

Treasurer: M^r Robert Ashton.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Edward Harris.
M^r Edward Bysshe.

Council held on January 31st, 13 Charles II, 1661.

Eleven Benchers present.

M^r Edward Bysshe is now elected Keeper of the Black Book, he *fo. 679.*
being ancient both to M^r William Glascock and Mr. Edward Harris.

The Chief Butler shall before Saturday night next furnish a list of all the Serjeants, Benchers, Barristers, and gentlemen of the Society, now in commons, and of all others that lodge within the House, to Sir Lancelot Lake, Baronet, and to M^r George Day and M^r Edward Rich, two Benchers, Commissioners for the Poll Money for the County of Middlesex.

M^r William Helyar petitions for restitution to his chamber.

"Memorandum that M^r Cooper, being present at this *fo. 680.*
Counsell, did voluntarily consent and agree that in case the walls of the walks belonging to this House, next the Feilds, do suffer any prejudice by his levelling of the Feilds, or any otherwise by his meanes, that he will repaire the same att his owne charge." *

M^r Prynn, M^r Foxwist, M^r Goddard and M^r Howell, are to consider the petition of Richard Provender and James Hargrave to be repaid their expenditure for "provision of diett for the officers of this House for the space of five weekes during the last vacation." They are also "to examine the disorders that were in the House last Christmas, occasioned by play or otherwise."

Ordered "that M^r Robert Clerk, having been admitted a *fo. 681.*
student of this Society about twelve yeeres since, but by reason of the late usurpacion in government having withdrawen himselfe for many yeeres, and thereby lost his opportunity, as many others have done, of being called to the Barre in course and according to his time; and he being a person very well knowne to be rightly affected to the King's Majesty and kingly government; It is therefore Ordered that the said M^r Clarke, paying all house duties, be called to the Barre, and his antiquity is saved unto him, but he is to performe one exercise before he be published." Not to be a precedent.

Council held on February 11th, 1661.

Sixteen Benchers present.

M^r Whiting shall have £20 in full satisfaction for the seizure of his chamber; all house duties owing by him are remitted.

* See Vol. II, *passim*.

Whereas the Barristers of this Society have lately neglected the exercises, notwithstanding many admonitions and frequent notices; "And for as much as expresse informacion hath bin made to the Masters of the Bench (which they are unwilling to beleeeve) that there is a consent and combinacion interteined and owned by some at least of the gentlemen of the Barr to abett and justify such defaults as have already bin made, and to incourage and countenance the like for the future." A Committee of seven Benchers is appointed to inquire and report. In the meantime no Call, either to Bar or Bench, shall be made of any member of this Society who has not complied with the ancient Rules and Orders of the House for the performance of Exercises.

fo. 682. M^r Holcroft's fine is reduced to £6 15s. 4d.*

M^r William Page, a Bencher shall have "the lower part of the little new brick building late built by M^r Franklynn, adjoyning to M^r Page's chamber, and now used with the Buttery, to be annexed to the said M^r Page's Chamber, and used with it."

fo. 683. Council held on May 23rd, 1661.

Sixteen Benchers present.

"A note of all the Chambers, Studyes and Roomes in Bland's Buildings, [Furnival's Inn].

"Ground chambers.	{	M ^r Griffith, two studyes, and a little bed roome.
	{	M ^r Palgrave, a little chamber, two studyes, small ones.
"One paire stayres.	{	A chamber, empty, with one study, one little bedroome.
	{	And a study upon the house building.
	{	M ^r Wasse, 2 studyes and a little chamber.
"Two paire staires.	{	M ^r Lee, a little chamber, 2 studyes.
	{	M ^r Buck, one chamber, a little bed roome, one study.
	{	And a study built on the house buildings.
"Three paire staires.	{	Two garretts, empty, with 2 studyes a peece.

"Such as will take any of the said chambers are to apply themselves to the Masters of the Bench of this House."

M^r Helyar shall have £30 in full satisfaction for the seizure of his chamber; he must pay all duties owing up to such seizure.

M^r William Page may build a chimney to the little room by the Buttery, lately annexed to his chamber.

fo. 684. Ordered "that the Report of M^r Beverley, touching M^r Colfer's legacy of xx^s yeereley, be entred into the Black

* See ante p. 6.

Booke and confirmed, which Report followeth in these words, vizt:—' By virtue of an Order of the xith of February last, having perused M^r Colfer's will, I conceive the legacy of xx^s yeerely thereby given to Richard Provender, and such other as should succeed in his place, was for encouragement and reward of his and their paines and attendance in the Chappell, and peticularly att the monthly sermons appointed by the said will, and was intended him as second Butler, whose office is also to attend in the Chappell: And the will bearing no date as to the month, but being dated in the yeere 1658, during the greater part whereof Richard Provender was second Butler, and the other part thereof Cheife Butler, after the death of Samuell Taylor, who dyed in the same yeere, I conceive the will was written in that part of the yeere wherein Richard Provender was second Butler; and that by his preferment to the place of Cheife Butler his attendance in the Chappell ceasing, so also the legacy as to him ought to cease, and accrew to Nicholas Smith, his successor in the office of second Butler and attendance in the Chappell. And doe accordingly adjudge and determine the said legacy to belong to the said Nicholas Smith during his continuance in the said office of second Butler.

THO: BEVERLEY.' "

Ordered " that an informacion be forthwith exhibited against M^r Cooper and his tennants in the new buildings in Lincolne's Inn Feilds, for the nusances done there; and an accion is to be prosecuted against the said M^r Cooper, with all rigour, for his breach of covenants with this House."

That the Treasurer pay to M^r Cæsar Saunderson £20 in full satisfaction for all his right, title, claim or demand to any part of any chamber within this House.

That M^r Benjamin Harrington shall have £20 in full satisfaction for the seizure of his chamber. *fo. 685.*

That M^r William Griffith shall have £26 for the like, and all his House duties are remitted.

* M^r William Lenthall, a Bencher, is admitted to part of a chamber in Garden Row, late M^r Nicholas Love's, he paying £50.

† On the motion of M^r Harrison, It is Ordered that Sir Richard Browne, Knight, late Master of the Revels and Common Serjeant for the City of London, be associated to the Masters of the Bench, paying therefore £20.

† "Whereas the grand exercise of Readings within this House, by reason of the late distraccions of the times and the disorders occasioned thereby, have bin interrupted and totally

* Red Book I, fo. 264.

† *Ibid.*, fo. 265.

omitted by the space of almost nyneteene yeeres last past, in which time many of the now Masters of the Bench have bin called thereunto, who by their seniority and antiquity in this House should have performed their Single, and some of them their Double, Readings before this time, and ought to enjoy their priviledges accordingly. And whereas M^r Serjeant Charleton,* one of the late Masters of the Bench, hath bin lately called by his Majestye's writt to the degree of a Serjeant at Lawe. It being now taken into serious consideracion how the said exercise of Readings might be revived and sett up againe for the honour of this House, and with the least inconvenience and prejudice that it might be. Thereupon at this Counsell John Howell, Esq^r, one of the Masters of the Bench, being the next and immediate puisne at the Bench to the said Serjeant Charleton, was unanimously chosen to be Reader of this House for the next Sommer Reading, and to have all allowances, respects and priviledges as other Single Readers for Sommer have usually had. And it is further ordered that he shall Read but one weeke, being the first weeke of the Reading in ordinary course; and in that weeke there shalbe but two cases argued, the one upon Munday, the other upon Wednesday; and to make his repetition and finish his Reading on Fryday following. And that there be no Suppers more then for ordinary commons during the whole Reading."

Council held on June 25th, 1661.
Fourteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Robert Wright, Humphrey Griffith, and Samuel Eyre; all of seven years' standing, and having duly observed the Orders and performed the exercises; to be published at the next moot, on payment of all dues.†

Also William Wymondesold, of seven years' standing in terms; to be published at the first moot next term.

fo. 686. On the petition of the gentlemen of the House, the officers' commons for last Christmas shall be paid by the Treasurer up to the sum of £16. Not to be a precedent.

Ordered "that the former Order for erecting buildings in this House be skreened in the Hall, and such gentlemen as will come in as builders may apply themselves to the Committee for that purpose."

* Job Charleton. The call of Serjeants was in Michaelmas Term, 1660. *Foss.*

† This is the common form.

"That the former Order, for the lodging of no women in the night time within this House, be skreened in the Hall, and duly observed by all the gentlemen of this Society under the penalty of forfeiture of the chamber of every person or persons that shall transgresse the said Order."

"At this Counsell M^r Prynn brought in a Report from the Committee for Commons, which Report is as followeth, viz^t :—

"Lincolne's Inn. Att a Committee for Commons, the
24th June, 1661.

"Wee thinke fitt that it be reported to the Councill of this Society

"That vacacion commons shalbe constantly kept as in former tymes, provided there be thirty Barristers and Gentlemen in commons.

"That ordinary House commons (except only in grand weeks) shalbe eight shillings six pence. and no more.

"That every member of the Society, as well Benchers as others, shall pay one full weekes commons to the use of the House, without any abatement or excuse, for every terme he shalbe absent or out of commons, and likewise if *visus in villâ* shalbe cast into commons in the grand weeke of every terme.

"That all Benchers, Barristers and Students of this Society shalbe bound to keepe their vacacion and vacacion exercises as formerly, under the antient penaltyes imposed on defaulters by former Orders of this House.

"That the first and second cooke shall constantly attend in the kitchen, morning and evening, both to spit and dresse the meate provided for the Society, under the paine of being displaced.

"That the Steward of this House shall provide Benchers' and Associates' commons and exceedings after the rate of fourteene shillings a weeke, which all of them in commons are to pay, whether absent or present; and those Benchers that have clerks in commons are to pay sixteene shillings a weeke to the Steward for themselves and their clerks.

"That all members of this Society shall duly pay their commons to the Steward once every month, and that he shall present the name of all such as are defaulters, who do not accordingly pay the same, to the Benchers at the table every terme; to the end they may be proceeded against and enforced to pay the same, as in former tymes.

"That the Steward shall be allowed for himselfe and his servants fifty pounds for what is past, and fifty pounds per annum for the time to come.

"That the arrears of the fortnight's commons and Preacher's Roll shall be all speedily and duly collected.

"Which Report is ordered to be confirm'd, and is confirm'd accordingly."

* M^r Richard Wynn, Utter Barrister, is admitted into the chamber of Sir William Domvill, Attorney General of Ireland, in Field Gate Court, on payment of £10.

† M^r Ewer, a gentleman of the House, is admitted to M^r John Thurlow's chamber and garret, on payment of £10.

Council held on July 2nd, 1661.

Twelve Benchers present.

The Committee for Buildings shall consider the question of the removal of the house of office in the Walks, and where it may most conveniently be placed. Also they shall send to M^r Cooper a copy of his own voluntary agreement to repair and build up the walls of the House next the Fields at his own charges, and give him notice to perform the same.

fo. 687.

Council held on November 7th, 1661.

Eleven Benchers present.

M^r Cooper shall be summoned to appear at the next Council.

M^r John Raleigh, lately admitted, has leave to continue his studies at the University of Cambridge for one year. He must pay the Preacher's Roll, and keep his vacations after he comes to continue.

fo. 688.

Call to the Bar: Giles Eyre.

M^r Thomas Weld is elected Lent Reader,† with all the usual privileges. "He shall Read but one weeke, being the first weeke of the Readinge in ordinary course, and in that weeke there shalbe but two cases argued, the one upon Munday, the other upon Wednesday, and to make repeticion and finish his Reading on the Fryday following; and that there be no Suppers more then for ordinary commons during the whole Reading."

Council held on November 19th, 1661.

Thirteen Benchers present.

Ordered "that M^r Cooper, one of the gent. of this Society, for his disrespectfull demeanour at this Counsell and his uncivill reflections upon the Masters of the Bench, and slighting of their Orders, be and is hereby suspended from being a member of this

* Red Book I, fo. 266. Domville was appointed June 23, 1660. At the next Council Wynn was ordered to pay Domville's arrears of Pensions and the Preacher's Roll before being admitted.

† *Ibid.* At the next Council Ewer was ordered to pay Thurlow's arrears before being admitted.

‡ He had evidently not read before. See *ante*, p. 4.

Society until further Order. And that the consideration of preferring an Informacion and prosecuting an accion against him be no longer delayd, but stand referred to the former Committee appointed for that businesse, to prosecute the same with effect."

All arrears for the Preacher's Roll must be paid before the first Council of next term. The chambers of defaulters shall be seized and sold.

Mr Howell is requested to state at the next Council whether he will Read next Summer on the terms propounded to him by the late Order.*

Ordered "that according to the antient Orders of this House there shalbe in any one yeere only two Calls to the Barre, and that of such persons only as be at least of seaven-yeeres' continuance, and have kept their exercises duly both within this House and abroad in Inns of Chancery."

"At this Counsell it is declared that if any of the Masters of the Bench be a Master in Chancery, eyther in ordinary or extraordinary, yet he is not priviledged by such dignity or office from performing the usuall exercises of this House, as other Benchers doe. And therefore it is ordered that Sir William Glascock, one of the Masters of the Bench and a Master in Chancery, have notice hereof, and that he be desired to sitt at the Moote tomorrow night, being Wednesday, according to his course and the antient Orders of this House." *fo. 689.*

Council held on November 26th, 1661.

Nine Benchers present.

The Committee for Buildings are "desired to treat with the proprietors and owners of the ground nere adjoyning to the south wall of the Walks, for the inheritance thereof."

Mr Weld has written praying to be excused from Reading at present, "by reason of his long continued weaknesse and infirmity of body." The matter is adjourned till next term. In the meantime Mr Weld shall be written to, asking him to permit the Bench to dispose of his chamber during his absence, "setting forth the greate scarcity of chambers within this House, and that many of the Masters of the Bench are very ill provided."

"At this Counsell, considering the greate scarcity and want of chambers for the Benchers and other gentlemen of this Society, and that many of the chambers of this House are taken up and held by diverse Serjeants at Lawe, contrary to the antient Orders

* See *ante*, p. 10. It would seem from this that he had not read in the Autumn of 1660.

fo. 690. and usage of this House ; It is therefore ordered that the Steward or Cheife Butler of this House doe forthwith acquaint the said Serjeants with the said antient Orders in that matter, and to desire the said Serjeants that they would please to leave their chambers here before the next terme, to be disposed of by the Masters of the Bench, according to the said antient Orders."

"At this Counsell, M^r Goddard, one of the Masters of the Bench, and Administrator with the will annexed of John Greene, Esq., late Recorder of the Citty of London, deceased, presented one peece of plate, being a Colledge Pott of silver of about tenne pounds value, which was bequeathed as a legacy to this Society by the said John Greene ; And the same was thankfully accepted, and ordered to be delivered into the hands of M^r Guydott, the Subtreasurer of this House, to be carefully kept for the use of this Society, as a memoriall of the hearty good affeccion and kindnesse of the donor to this Society."*

Sir Harbottle Grimston, Master of the Rolls, presented "the first part of M^r Justice Croke's Reports, though last published."†

M^r John Bedingfield is chosen Reader for next Lent, on the terms previously laid down.‡

Council held on November 28th, 1661.
Fourteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that all persons whatsoever who lodge in or use any of the chambers of this House to which they are not admitted, or to which they have not any right in themselves, according to the antient Orders of this House, have notice to avoyd the sayd Chambers, or to shew cause to the contrary at the first Counsell of the next terme."

fo. 691. "That the Treasurer's account be allowed, and that it be entered in the Blacke Booke, as formerly."§

M^r Thomas Weld desiring to be excused from Reading next Lent, and M^r John Beddingfield (who is M^r Weld's immediate puisne) having discontinued for a long time, this Council, considering "what a great prejudice and dishonor would fall upon this House in case there should be another fayler of that exercise in Lent as there was the last Summer," has requested M^r William Prynne, the next ancient of the Benchers, to Read next Lent.

* This cup has on one side the arms of Green, with the inscription *Legatum Joh'is Greene, Ar., Recordat. Lond.*, and on the other side the arms then used by the Inn, a lion rampant, with the inscription *Hospit. Lincolniensi*.

† Not now in the Library. See Vol. II, p. 418.

‡ See *ante*, p. 12.

§ This was not done.

* M^r Justice Wyndham relinquishes his chamber in the Back Court, one story high, to the House; his son, M^r John Wyndham, is admitted thereto on payment of £60.

† Accounts of Robert Ashton, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Nov. 27th, 1660, to Nov. 28th, 1661.

Receipts: £1,366 14s. 2d. Including £5 from M^r John Skynner, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent; £150 from the Preacher's Roll; £20 from the executors of Henry Colfer, deceased.

Payments: £858 os. 7d. Including £10 to M^r Ogleby for a Bible; 12s. to John Tooke for a Prayer Book; 55s. paid to the Steward for extras in the Hall and 37s. 6d. for wine on Ascension Day; 48s. for food for the Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn, and 22s. 6d. for wine; 37s. for bread and ale for the inhabitants of S. Andrew's on the day of the perambulation; £28 16s. 1d. to Kielway Guidot for vestments [*pro vestibus*] at the feast of All Saints; 8s. 8d. to the Parish Clerk of S. Andrew's for the Bills of Mortality.

Balance: £508 13s. 7d.

Officers for 1662.

Treasurer: M^r Richard Estcourt.

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Keeper of the Black Book: Sir William Glascock.

Council held on February 6th, 14 Charles II, 1662.

fo. 692.

Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Henry Holmes, William Jenney, John Doddington and William Coward; to be published at the next moot.

Also John Fountaine, to be published when he has performed all his exercises.

M^r James Cooper, who was lately suspended, is restored on his petition and humble submission, and on payment of £20 towards the building and repairing of the walls next to Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Sir John Lort, Knight, is associated to the Masters of the Bench, gratis; "but from henceforth this is not to be drawn into example."

M^r John Halsey, an ancient Utter Barrister, is associated to the Masters of the Bench, paying therefore £20.†

* Red Book I, fo. 268.

† From the original roll.

‡ This must be the John Halsey who was called to the Bench in 1659, (Vol. II, p. 431); it would appear, therefore, that he had not accepted that Call.

Ordered "that the antient Orders concerning the seates of the Chappell be confirmed by this Counsell, and are ordered to be skreened up in the Hall for publique notice. And the officers and wayters in the Chappell are strictly injoynd and required to observe the same."

fo. 693. "That the repaireing the old wall next the Feilds, the removing the particion wall betweene the Garden and the Walks,* the erecting of a new wall from the garden gate next M^r Churchill's chamber to the wall next the Feilds, the felling downe and disposing of such trees as are convenient to be feld, and the laying out and ordering of the Walks," is referred to a Committee of five Benchers. They are requested to have the work completed before next term.

† M^r Robert Hale and M^r Mathew Hale are admitted into a chamber in Garden Court, Garden Row, now vacant "by the remove of my Lord Chief Baron, their father," paying £60. They may continue at the University for another year on the usual terms.

Council held on February 10th, 1662.

Fifteen Benchers present.

"At this Counsell, John Robinson and (Anne his wife,) Thomas Plumstead, Esq^{rs} (and Rebecca his wife, and Elizabeth Glover,) ‡ executors of the last will and testament of John Wynnyffe, Esq^r, deceased, late one of the Utter Barristers of this House, did present unto this Society one faire guilt flagon and one faire guilt cup, which were given as a legacy by the said John Wynnyffe in testimony of his hearty good will and affection to this Society; which were thankfully received and ordered to be preserved by the Steward amongst the rest of the plate belonging to this House." §

M^r George Day, M^r Goddard and M^r Manby are appointed a Committee "to manage the place and office of Treasurer" until further Order.

Ordered "that several letters be written to M^r Weld, M^r Beddingfeild, M^r Richard Estcourt, M^r William Jones, M^r Thomas Jones, M^r Richard Graves, M^r John Sadler and M^r Richard Read, all Masters of the Bench, but have of late discontinued the same, to desire their continuance and attendance upon the service of this

* See Vol. II, pp. 99, 103.

† Red Book I, fo. 269.

‡ The words in brackets are interlined.

§ The cup only remains. It is inscribed *Ex dono Johannis Wynnyffe*, and has a shield charged with a chevron invected.

House, and that they would please to declare their resolutions concerning their undertakings of Readings (which are now revived in this House), according to the antient Orders, against the first Counsell of the next terme."

M^r John Fountain, whose publication to the Bar was suspended at the last Council, shall be published with the others of that Call at the next moot.

He complains that the officers of the House have not duly entered up his exercises. To prevent any mistakes in future, it is Ordered:—

1. "That upon every Moote performed in terme, the Bayliffe of the Moote at the end of the exercise shall bring a booke wherein shalbe entered the names of the gentlemen performing as well the Moots as Pleadings of that Exercise; which entry shalbe attested by one of the Benchers sitting at every such Exercise, by subscribing his hand thereunto. *fo. 694.*

2. "That all Moots performed by any gentlemen of this House at any Inne of Chancery be likewise entred into a Booke, with the names of the gentlemen performing the same attested by the Reader of the Inns of Chancery, where this House sendeth out Readers, and by the Bayliffe of the Moots in all other Houses.

3. "That all other Moots, Bolts, and House Exercises whatsoever, be likewise duly entred as before, and attested by one of the Baristers sitting at every such Exercise.

"And in regard diverse faylers of Exercise have bin lately had upon severall pretences of priviledge and exemption from the same, It is ordered that consideracion be thereof had at next Counsell."

"Memorandum, it was informed at this Counsell by M^r Harrison, the antientest Master of the Bench,* and the only continuing Reader of this House, to be the custome in former times, before the late disorders, that the Readers did upon the last day of the terme immediatly before their Readings, together with the other Benchers of the House, attend only upon such of the Judges, at their chambers in Serjeants' Inn, as had bin before members of this House, to acquaint them with what law and statute they did intend to Read upon, and upon none other of the Judges that had bin of other Houses. Which custome was approved of, and thought fit to be now revived."

Council held on February 12th, 1662.

Nine Benchers present.

"It is further ordered that the estates to be made to the builders of chambers upon the propositions now on foote for the

* John Harrison, called to the Bench 1630, Lent Reader 1633.

new intended buildings within this House, shall not exceed the terme of one and thirty yeeres, to commence from the finishing of the said new buildings; and that the said new chambers, and the takers of them, and all clayming under their estate, shalbe subject and lyable to all the Orders and dutyes of this House as other chambers and persons are, and shall not be transferred or assigned over, but by order and license of this House. And if the estate in any of the said chambers shall during the said terme fall or come to any executor, administrator or legatee, such executor, administrator or legatee, if he be a gent. of this House he shalbe admitted into the same, as upon any other alienacion, the next terme after their tittle accrued; and if such executor, administrator or legatee be not a gent. of this Society, they shall convey their interest in the said chamber to some gent. that shalbe of this Society, within a yeere after their tittle so accrued, or otherwise this House shall dispose thereof in their own right, as forfeited to this House."

All admittances to chambers heretofore of the Treasurer's admittance shall be signed and made by the "Committee of the Treasury."

fo. 695. "That all Barristers of this House who are not full three yeeres standing at the Barre from the time of the bringing in of their Barre Mootes, shall serve their vacacions and attend and performe their Exercises at Readings and other tymes, as heretofore hath bin used."

Council held on May 1st, 1662.

Eleven Benchers present.

The Steward shall be required to perform his contract "concerning his finding of the table and dyett for the Masters of the Bench and their clerks."

"Mr Ashley, the Chapleine of this House, having received many former admonicions from the Masters of the Bench concerning many former neglects of his duty, both in the Chappell and in the Hall, and having made a fayler in the Chappell lately, It is therefore Ordered that he, the said Mr Ashley, shall loose and forfeite to the use of the House the summe of five shillings for the said fayler; the same to be deducted by the Committee of the Treasury out of his salary at his next payment. And it is further Ordered that for every neglect hereafter, eyther in the Chappell or in the Hall, without just cause shewen, he, the said Mr Ashley, shall forfeite the like summe, to be deducted as aforesaid."

Mr [John] Howell is appointed Summer Reader upon the terms previously set out.*

"That they who from henceforth shalbe called to the Bench *fo. 696.* shall agree to the Orders already made for Readings, and that they shall reade as Single Readers every Sommer next after this Reading now next ensuing."

Call to the Bar:

Gabriel Goodman, Francis Sadler and John Bridall; to be published at the next Moot, "and to bring in their Barre Moote within twelve months after their publication, or to take no benefitt of their Call."

Council held on May 6th, 1662.

Thirteen Benchers present.

The Chief Butler and the Porter shall notify any defaults made by Mr Ashley, the Chaplain, in pursuance of the Order made at the last Council.

Council held on May 12th, 1662.

fo. 697.

Ten Benchers present.

Joseph Herne, one of the Utter Barristers of this Society, and Reader of Furnival's Inn this year, is fined £10 for default in Lent last. If he does not perform the Reading in Summer, either by himself or by a sufficient deputy, he shall be fined £20 and suspended this House.

† Mr Howell, the Reader elect, shall have a convenient Bench chamber assigned to him before the end of next term. Mr Weld shall be written to and asked to resign his Bench chamber for that purpose. If Mr Weld will return to the House and Read, he shall have the chamber back again.

Council held on June 5th, 1662.

fo. 698.

Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

Mr Nicholas Pedley, Sir Robert Atkins, Knight of the Bath, and Mr John Churchill; saving antiquity to all their ancients.

* See *ante*, p. 10. Evidently he did not read in Autumn, 1661.

† Red Book I, fo. 271.

Council held on June 10th, 1662.

Eleven Benchers present.

The Call to the Bench at the last Council is respited.

fo. 699. The Committee of the Treasury shall pay to M^r Prynn, the last Lent Reader, all such duties and allowances as have been usually made by the House to Readers.

All discontinuing Benchers shall be speedily written to, desiring their continuance, coming into and keeping in commons, and performing exercises and other duties of the House. They shall also be asked to state in writing whether they will undertake to Read in their courses. And since divers continuing Benchers are destitute of convenient chambers, such of the discontinuers as will not undertake to Read shall be desired to give up their Bench chambers to the House.

Council held on June 18th, 1662.

Ten Benchers present.

Upon the petition of the Principal and Ancients of Furnival's Inn, It is ordered that they shall have a lease from this House of Bland's Buildings for the remainder of the time unexpired of their lease of Furnival's Inn, they paying £50 fine and £5 yearly rent.

Call to the Bench:

Sir Robert Atkins, Knight of the Bath and Queen's Solicitor.

"That the Cheife Cooke, or second Cooke, or one of them, he alwayes present at the spittinge of the meate, and all the tyme that the meate is at the fyer or in dressing, upon payne of losse of their places."

fo. 700. M^r Daye reports that all the officers of the House are married, except the head butler. The Keeper of the Black Book is requested to look out the former Orders on the subject.

Council held on October 28th, 1662.

Eleven Benchers present.

M^r John Beddingfeild is chosen Lent Reader. An express messenger shall be sent to him with a letter informing him thereof.

fo. 701. "Whereas at this Councell it was informed that diverse strangers lodge in this House, contrary to the antient usage and Orders of the Society, It is ordered that noe person whoe is or shall bee admitted to any chamber within this House shall permitt or suffer any stranger to have the use thereof or to lodge therein; and all such strangers are to have notice of this Order, and to avoid the said chambers before the next Councell."

Upon the pewterer's petition, it is ordered that he shall be allowed for the use of pewter on Grand Days 40s. for each Grand Day past, and the like in future until further order.

Council held on November 6th, 1662.

Twelve Benchers present.

Mr Thomas Weld writes "setting forth (in his excuse for not Reading) his long sicknes, sharpe paines, and great and constant infirmities of body, which have rendred him unfitt for that service. And this Bench, being fully satisfyed of and sadly affected with the trueth thereof," do excuse him from Reading. But as he now "wholly discontinues," he must give up his Bench chamber, and remove his books and other goods before Christmas. He shall be paid the value "of that parte of the chamber which he left to the House."

Mr John Beddingfeild has sent a letter, "which is in effect *fo. 702.* a cleer refusall to Read" next Lent. The question of his fine is reserved till the next Council.

Council held on November 11th, 1662.

Ten Benchers present.

"At this Councell consideracion being had of the debts of this House and the want of money to defray the present and groweing charges of the House, It is agreed that all the Benchers of this House, other then the Reader, will for the present, and till the House be out of debt, decline their priviledges as to the claime of Bench chambers, and that the Bench chambers, which are fallen or duering that time shall fall to the House shall bee sould and disposed of for the best advantage of this House. Which is ordered accordingly."

Sir Edward Bish, Knight, "being lately called to an office *fo. 703.* and public employment* which required great attendance, soe as hee could not continue in commons in this Society, nor intend the duties incumbent on the Benchers of this House," freely offered to leave the Bench and to give up his Bench chamber on being repaid the £35 which the House made of his former chamber. Ordered accordingly.

* Bysshe had been appointed Garter King of Arms by the Parliament about 1643. He resigned or was removed on the Restoration, and was appointed Clarenceux in 1661. *Dict. Nat. Biog.* He continued to attend the Councils for some time.

Council held on November 13th, 1662.

Fourteen Benchers present.

Mr John Beddingfeild is suspended the Bench for refusing to Read.

The Order made at the last Council as to Sir Edward Bish is suspended. On his complaint at this Council "that it was falsely reported by two of the Masters of this Bench that he was expelled this House, this Bench, being tender of the reputation of Sir Edward Bish and of the other gent," appoint a committee to examine and report.

Council held on November 20th, 1662.

Fourteen Benchers present, including Harbottle Grimston, M.R.

Call to the Bar:

Thomas Thetford, Edward Ashton,* Richard Capell, John Mingey, Henry Window and Mathias Taylor; to be published at the next Moot,

fo. 704. "This Councell taking into their consideracion that Sir John Eustace, Knight, Sir Maurice Eustace, Knight, and Mr Henry Warren, natives of the Kingdom of Ireland, being comanded by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Chancellor of Ireland† forthwith to repaire thither, and being by his Lordshipp and other hon^{ble} persons there recommended to receive from this Bench the degree of Utter Barrister, as a marke of honor conferred by this Society, and the Bench takeing notice that they have been hard students here, and performed many exercises, and demeaned themselves very civilly and orderly ever since they were admitted of this House,—have thought fitt and doe order that they the said Sir John Eustace, Sir Maurice Eustace and Mr Henry Warren be all called to the Barre, although they bee not of full standing of seaven years, and that they be published at the next moote (paying first all dutyes to the House), and then they are to bring in their [Bar] Moote if they please; but they are not to practize the law in England till they bee full seaven yeares standing in this Society." Not to be a precedent.

Council held on November 25th, 1662.

Thirteen Benchers present.

* Aston on admittance.

† Sir Maurice Eustace, appointed Oct., 1660. He also was of Lincoln's Inn, admitted 1619, called to the Bar 1625. It does not appear whether he was related to the two newly-called Barristers, who are described on their admission as sons of William Eustace of Dublin.

M^r Robert Ashton is chosen Lent Reader, and it is ordered that he shall then Read in the quality of a Double Reader and have all privileges, respects and allowances of a Double Reader.

Vacation commons shall be kept at 6s. 6d. a week if thirty gentlemen continue. All those, both of the Bar and under the Bar, liable to keep their vacations, shall be cast into commons and keep their vacations. None shall be called to the Bar but such as have performed their vacation exercises.

* Nicholas Steward pays £70 for admission to a chamber in Garden Court, in the second staircase, one story high, vacant by the death of M^r William Lenthall, late a Bencher.

Council held November 27th, 1662.

fo. 705.

Ten Benchers present.

The workmen, masons and carpenters of this House are to survey Bland's Buildings in Furnival's Inn, and to estimate and report what repairs are necessary.

M^r Joseph Herne, an Utter Barrister, who was elected Reader of Furnival's Inn the last year, is continued Reader for next year, because he neglected to perform the said exercise, and also because he did not present other names this terme, "whereby, accordinge to former usage and custome, a new Reader might have beene chosen in his roome."

Ordered "that M^r Gwidott, the Steward, doe with all convenient speede acquaynt Sir John Lort, Knight, one of the Associates of the Bench, that the moneys due to the said Steward for the beere spent att the Christmas kept by hym last yeare, are expected to bee paid by the said Sir John Lort, as being his proper debt; and that this Society is nott lyable to the payment thereof; and that the same hath beene refused to bee allowed upon the accompts brought in for this last yeare past, and soe the House nott to bee charged therewith, butt the said Sir John Lort, to whome he is to apply hymselfe for satisfaccion therein."

Ordered "that the Commissioners of the Treasury or any two of them bee and are impowered to conclude and agree, as they shall thinke fitt, with gardiner or gardeners and other workmen concerninge the modellinge of the Garden and Walkes, and the fellingge and loppinge of the trees therein, and the perfectinge of the plattformes and other worke necessary thereunto, and to sell the trees felled; it being expected and nott doubted but that they will bee as good husbands for the Society in what they are intrusted as they canne, and that the worke bee effected and

fo. 706.

* Red Book I, fo. 273.

dispatched with all convenient speed, and as the season of the yeare shall permitt and require."

The petitions of the Chief Cook to be restored to his place and of the Butlers and Pannierman for vacation allowances and increase of wages, are referred "to the quatuor of the Bench sitting in messe when this order is presented to them, to doe therein and thereupon what they shall see meete."

Accounts of George Day, Guibon Goddard and Thomas Manby, Esquires, the Treasurers, from Nov. 28th, 1661, to Nov. 28th, 1662.

Receipts: £1,441 1s. 1d. Including £387 16s. 8d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £5 from Mr Henry Farrou, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent.

Payments: £1,292 3s. 3d. Including £36 to William Prynn, Reader in Lent last; 5s. 6d. for the Lord Chancellor's coach; £2 17s. 6d. for wine and ale and faggots for the fire at the Queen's coming; £4 17s. for food at the Bench table for Sir John Lort, Knight, and £20 for the banquet to him; £160 to Anthony Baskerville, the bricklayer.

Balance: £148 17s. 10d.

1663. Officers for 1663.

Lent Reader: Mr. Robert Ashton.

Autumn Reader: No Reading.

Treasurer: Sir Edward Bish, Knight, according to his antiquity. As he is not present, he shall have until the next Council to decide whether he will act or not.

Keeper of the Black Book: Mr William Foxwist.

fo. 707.

Council held on February 4th, 15 Charles II, 1663.

Fifteen Benchers present.

"At this Councell it is ordered upon the mocion of Mr Harrison, ancientest Mr of the Bench, by and with the unanimous favour and consent of the other Masters of the Bench present, that Sir Robert Atkyns, one other of the Masters of the Bench, shall henceforward (in respect of his dignity as Knight of the Bath and of his beinge Queene's Sollicitor) take place and have priority and precedency of all other of the Masters nowe of the Bench, excepting the Master of the Rolls* and the Earl of Anglesey."†

Sir Edward Bish requests further time until the next Council to declare his determination regarding the Treasurership.

* Sir Harbottle Grimstone.

† Arthur Annesley, 1st Earl.

"Att this Councell notice beinge taken that the King's Majestie's picture hath beene removed from the Councell chamber, where it was formerly placed by Order of the Masters of the Bench, and since placed in the Hall, and intended and ordered by them to bee replaced att the Councell Chamber aforesaid, (beinge conceived by the sayd Masters of the Bench to bee the more proper place for it then the Hall), hath beene since likewise removed and taken away from the Hall by the meanes of some of the Fellowes of this Society, with an intent (as is conceived) to obstruct the execucion of the Order and direccion of the Masters of the Bench,—It is now ordered and required that the said picture bee forthwith produced and delivered to the Cheife Butler, that the same may be replaced in the Councell Chamber; And in defalt of obedience to the Order, it is declared that the contemnners thereof, whome it may concerne, shall incurre the censure of the Councell." This Order to be screened.*

† M^r Nicholas Pedley, Utter Barrister, and M^r James Pedley, his son, are severally admitted into several moieties of the ground chamber in "the Buildinge of the Sunne Dyall," lately M^r Thomas Weld's chamber, and now in the disposition of the House by M^r Weld's voluntary surrender thereof; they paying £100.

Council held on February 10th, 1663.

fo. 708.

Twelve Benchers present.

"The petition, intituled 'The humble Petition of the gentlemen and members of this Society,' presented att this Councell for the injoyneinge of the use of the surplice in the Chappell, and other matters therein prayed to bee reformed, was nowe read," and adjourned to the next Council.

The Principal and Ancients of Furnival's Inn shall have a lease of Bland's Buildings for the remainder of the term of their lease of Furnival's Inn, paying a fine of £40 and a yearly rent of £4.

Council held on February 12th, 1663.

Twelve Benchers present.

"It is att this Councell ordered, (in obedience and conformity to, as alsoe in pursuance of, the Lawes in that behalfe made and nowe in force†), that there shall bee surplices and hoodes provided with all convenient speede for the Preacher and Chapleyne to this Society for the tyme beinge and their respective successors, to bee

fo. 709.

* The portrait here referred to does not appear to be now in the possession of the Society.

† Red Book I, fo. 275.

‡ No doubt referring to the Act of Uniformity of 1662, 13 & 14 Car. II, c. iv.

used by them henceforward in the celebration of Divyne Service within the Chappell belonging to this Society, as by the sayd lawes are injoynd and required, and under the penaltyes therein conteyned." M^r Harrison, Dean of the Chapel, is requested to see to it.

"It is alsoe further ordered that the Preacher for the tyme beinge, and his successors, shall henceforward (in tearme tyme accordinge to the dutyes of their place and the former usage of their predecessors), together with the Chapleyne nowe beinge, and such as shall succeed hym, administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper within the Chappell aforesaid." The Preacher and the Chaplain shall have copies of this Order.

Whereas the Benchers have observed that the divers good orders heretofore made for the good government of this Society have (partly through ignorance thereof, and partly through their "obsoletnesse") been much neglected and transgressed, "to the
fo. 710. greate scandall of this Society and the danger of the subvercion of the ancient and laudable government thereof." It is therefore ordered that M^r Prynn, M^r Foxwist, M^r Page, M^r Day and M^r Goddard, or any two of them, shall peruse the Black Books, and extract such orders relating to the maintenance and regulation of exercises, commons, vacations, admittances, chambers, and other things concerning the good government of the Society and the members and officers thereof; and also to draft such further Orders as they shall think meet; and to report at the first Council next term.

The Principal and Ancients of Furnival's Inn have in person at this Council refused the lease of Bland's Buildings on the terms offered. A Committee is appointed to interview all tenants and occupiers in the Buildings, and to demand from them all arrears of rent due since the expiration of Bland's lease, and to agree with such tenants or any other person or persons for a lease of the Buildings on the most advantageous terms they can get. In case of refusal to pay the arrears, steps shall be taken to compel payment.

fo. 711.

Council held on May 21st, 1663.

Twelve Benchers present.

The report of the Committee on Orders for the government of the House is postponed till next term.

M^r Greenfield, the Preacher, has leave of absence this term on account of his ill-health.

M^r [Francis] Charleton, son of Sir Job Charleton, Serjeant at Law and Chief Justice of Chester, has leave of absence for one year, while he is at the University.

"This Counsell is contynued and adjorned to and untill Wednesday next."

Council continued on May 27th, 1663.

fo. 712.

Twelve Benchers present.

Mr John Howell is appointed Summer Reader; he shall have all the privileges of a Single Reader.*

Upon the petition of Mr Thomas Langston [?] and Mr Richard Hillyard, vintners, acknowledging their offences with sorrow and promising reformation for the future, It is ordered that the proceedings in the Exchequer by way of information exhibited against them by John Whateley as informer, by orders of the Bench, shall be stayed, but they must pay the costs.

On the petition of those Fellows who kept commons last Christmas, It is ordered that £10 shall be allowed and paid towards the officers' commons at that time. "And yett itt is declared by this Counsell that noe such allowance shall bee hereafter made if (as att last Christmas) commons bee continued longer then usuall, or any disorders used (as then were) by dicinge or gaminge, against the good governement and Orders of the House."

Call to the Bar:

John Millington, Robert Dawges, Robert Eccleston and William Davis; to be published at the next Moot, and to bring in their Bar Moots within twelve months of their publication.

Council held on June 25th, 1663.

fo. 713.

Thirteen Benchers present.

Mr Greenfield, the Preacher, is requested to attend the next Council, and to say if he wishes to resign, so that "another able orthodox minister" may be appointed to succeed him.

"Att this Counsell, as well in pursuance of ancient and moderne Orders of the House, as in obedience to the Kinge's moast excellent Majestye's pleasure, signified in his late letter to the Right Hon^{ble} Edward, Earle of Clarendon, Lord High Chancellor of England, (a coppye whereof, sent to the Masters of the Bench, was now read), Itt is ordered that the Cheife Buttlr of this House shall forthwith repayre to such persons as are not naturall and proper members of this Society and yett doe reside and inhabitte in any chamber or chambers therein, or any parte thereof, either as formerly in theyre owne rightes, or now in the

* It is clear from this that he had not Read on the two previous occasions when he was elected. See *ante*, pp. 10, 19.

rightes of any others of the Fellowes of this Society, and give them warninge and notice to quitte and departe from thence with all reasonable and convenient speed, sometymes this terme, or within a moneth next after at furthest, and that they are noe longer to reside or inhabite here." For default, the chambers shall be seized and forfeited.

Complaint has been made of the frequent disorders and nuisances perpetrated by the residents in M^r Norfolk's chamber in Garden Row. The Chief Butler shall give them notice to forbear all such disorders in future, and to attend at the next Council to answer the said complaints.

fo. 714. Complaint has been made that M^r Doddington, an Utter Barrister, has uncivilly affronted M^r Wentworth, a Benchet, in his own chamber, "with opprobrious and misbecominge language." Summoned for the next Council.

M^r Thomas Knowles claims to have a term of fifteen years yet unexpired in Bland's Buildings, and prays that a further term may be granted to him. Referred to the Commissioners of the Treasury.

M^r John Bennet, brother and administrator to M^r Thomas Bennett, sometime Steward of this Society, claims £6 1s. 2d. which he says is due from the House in respect of the Steward's accounts for 1638. Referred to the Commissioners of the Treasury.

fo. 715. "Whereas the severall householders and inhabitantes of the severall houses and buildings in Holborne next adjoyninge and adjacent to the garden brick wall of this Societie, have incroached and committed nusances upon the three foote of ground beyond the said wall belonging to this House, and are in arreares for many yeares the severall rentes they ought severally to pay to this Societie for the use and benefitt they have made and doe make of the ground aforesaid, which ought to bee without any annoyance to this House, accordinge to former agreement betweene the Masters of the Bench and them or theyre predecessors or landelordes,—Itt is ordered that the Commissioners of the Treasurie and M^r Wentworth, Masters of the Bench, or any two of them, bee and are hereby desyred to viewe the ground aforesaid, and see what nusances are thereupon committed, and to cause the same to bee forthwith abated, and to convent before them the said inhabitantes, and to require them to make payment of the arreares of rent due from them as aforesaid," and to report.

*M^r John Bigg is admitted to the chamber and garret in the Gate House Court, up the Chapel Stairs, now in the possession of M^r John Jesson, on payment of £10 as a fine.

* Red Book I, fo. 279.

Council held on July 2nd, 1663.

Ten Benchers present.

M^r Greenfield, the Preacher, attended at this Council, and expressed his desire to resign on account of his ill-health. The Masters of the Bench earnestly besought him not to do so, but, on his persisting, they very unwillingly accepted his resignation. The Commissioners of the Treasury shall pay him all arrears of his salary. "And whereas hee now moved for some allowance to bee made him for the commons which his servant might have hadd and taken ever since his cominge to this Society, but did not take,—Itt is further ordered that (notwithstandinge the allowance made and payd to the said M^r Greenfield for vacatione Commons when absent hence in the country) that the said Commissioners likewise pay him tenn poundes more in lieu and satisfacione of his present demand, and withall present him with tenn poundes over and above, as a gratuity from the Masters of the Bench, and as an expresse in parte of theyre love and respectes towards him." *

M^r Doddington is suspended for his "miscarriage and ill behaviour towards M^r Wentworth by opprobrious and misbecominge language." *fo. 716.*

Call to the Bench :

M^r Thomas Powis and M^r Nicholas Pedley, two ancient Barristers, saving the antiquity of their ancients ; to be published at the first part of the next moot this term.

Associates to the Bench :

Sir John Shaw and Sir Francis Gooderick, Knights, two ancient Barristers, on paying £20 each.

M^r Page reports that M^r Guidott, the Steward, after several complaints made as to the loss sustained by him by reason of his provision made for the Bench table, which he then affirmed to be to the value of £30 per annum, said "in expresse wordes that they might bee ashamed thereof, or in wordes to that effect." The Steward must attend the next Council.

Council held on July 7th, 1663.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Whereas the Masters of the Bench observe that M^r Ashley, the present Chaplayne to this Societie, hath and doeth frequently neglecte the performance of the duties belonginge to his place, and beinge frindly and civilly of late tould thereof by M^r Harrison,

fo. 717.

* Nothing further seems to be known of Greenfield. See *Memoirs of William Melmoth*, p. 255.

one of the Masters of the Bench, seemed much to slight itt,—Itt is thereupon ordered that Sir Robert Atkins [and three other Benchers] bee and are hereby desyred to convent before them the said M^r Ashley, and, as they see cause, either to contynue or remove him from his place, and to take care (in case he bee removed) to provide another sufficient and orthodox minister to supply his place for the ensuing vacatione and longer, till further Order to bee therein taken by the Masters of the Bench. They are likewise desyred to take the like care for the providinge of one or more persons of the ministry, able, pious and orthodox, for to supplye M^r Greenefield's place, shortly voyd, in preachinge."

fo. 719.

Council held on October 29th, 1663.

Twelve Benchers present.

Upon report of the Committee, M^r Ashley, the Chaplain, is, according to his desire, discharged of his place. The former Committee shall treat with M^r Garrett, who last vacation filled the offices both of Chaplain and Preacher, and still continues to do so, and he shall be paid what the Committee thinks reasonable.

M^r Richard Escourt shall not be chosen Lent Reader, although it is his turn.

The failure of M^r Howell to Read last summer, shall be considered at the next Council.

Sir Edward Bysh, Knight, is chosen Lent Reader, with all the privileges of a Double Reader. A copy of this Order shall be forthwith sent to him to give him notice, and so that he may, according to the duty of his place, be present at the next Grand Day.

* M^r William Abraham petitions for leave to dispose of his part of a chamber. The consideration thereof is postponed to the next Council, for it is stated that M^r Abraham lies *in extremis*, "and soe ought not by the custome of the House bee suffered soe to doe."

fo. 720.

Council held on November 6th, 1663.

Thirteen Benchers present.

The Committee report that they have agreed with one M^r John Bennett to be the new Steward, and settled terms with him; which agreement, it is now ordered, shall be sealed and executed forthwith. "And in the interim, Itt is ordered, in pursuance of the agreement aforesaid, that all persons to bee henceforward admitted as Fellowes of this Society, shall upon such theyre

admittances give sufficient security, by way of bond or caution money, for payment of theyre commons and other duties from time to time; and that none shall bee allowed or accepted as manucaptors for any of the Fellowes of this Society but such as are soe themselves and that have chambers in the House." The penalty and conditions of the bond, how long it shall continue in force, and what sum shall be deposited for caution money, are referred back to the Committee.

Mr Bennett, the Steward, presented and nominated (according to the agreement with him) one Thomas Farmer to be Chief Cook, who is thereupon appointed during the pleasure of the Bench. James Hargrave, the former Cook, is discharged.

It is agreed that, so far as anything is alleged to the contrary, *fo. 721.* there is no sufficient or reasonable cause to exempt Sir Edward Bish from Reading next Lent; but as he is not here at this Council, the matter is postponed until the next Council,

Nothing further shall be done with regard to Mr Howell's failure of Reading.

* Mr Richard Graves, Benchler, is admitted to part of a chamber in Garden Court, Chancery Lane Row, in the disposition of the House by the death of Mr William Abraham, on payment of £30.

Council held on November 12th, 1663.

Fourteen Benchers present.

The Order for the giving of bonds upon admittances to the House is suspended until further Order.

Call to the Bar:

Luke Astrey, George Bennett, John Gyles, Walter Evance, Richard Seys, Frederic Cornwallis, and John Babington. Gyles, Evance and Cornwallis shall be published upon payment of all dues; "but the publicatione of the other gentlemen called is respited till they and every of them shall receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper att the Chappell in this House, they haveinge not allready done the same since theyre admittances unto this House, for anything appeares to this Counsell." *fo. 722.*

Call to the Bench:

Mr John Churchill, an ancient Barrister, saving the antiquity of his ancients; to be published at the next moot.

The Keeper of the Black Book is requested to search for a precedent whether a Benchler who is also Master of Requests has

any special precedence. If so, Sir Thomas Beverley, Master of Requests, shall have the same position.

M^r John Todd, clerk, petitions for the post of Chaplain. M^r Harrison, Dean of the Chapel, is requested to inform him that he will be expected to read Prayers and preach once in the Chapel, and to treat with him, and to report.

fo. 723. Council held on November 17th, 1663.
Fourteen Benchers present.

fo. 724. M^r Garrett, the minister, shall have 30s. a week for the time during which he has acted as Preacher and Chaplain, and so long as he shall continue to do so.

M^r Todd is not appointed Chaplain.

Sir Edward Bish appeared at this Council, and declared his resolution not to Read next Lent. "Whereupon, and upon the debate of his refusall, and the questions putt,—first, whether any penultye shall bee imposed upon him therefore ; secondly, whether any fine ; thirdly, whether two hundred poundes ; or fourthly, whether one hundred pounds,—as to the two first questions, they were carryed in the affirmative ; the third in the negative ; and as to the last questione, the Counsell then beinge but twelve in number, besydes the said Sir Edward Bysh himselfe, they were equally devyded. And soe nothings resolved thereupon, and the said matter then not further debated or proceeded in."

Council held on November 19th, 1663.
Nineteen Benchers present.

As to the precedence of Sir Thomas Beverley as one of the Masters of Requests, Sir Edward Bysh, [Clarenceux] King of Heralds, is requested to certify the same.

Sir Edward Bysh is excused from Reading. It is "left to his ingenuity to returne his answer next Counsell what retributione hee will bee pleased voluntarily to make in respecte of the indulgence aforesaid."

fo. 725. "Att this Counsell serious consideratione beinge taken for prevention of fayler of Readinge next Lente ; and, upon perusall of the Booke of Admittances, itt beinge found that the next Bencher to Reade in course after Sir Edward Bysh is Sir Thomas Beverley ; but hee beinge (att present) not here, and knowne to bee one of the Masters of Requests to the Kinge's Ma^{tie}, and otherwise imployed in his Magistie's affayres,—itt was thought fitt to passe him by att present, and to proceed to the next anciente in course, who appeared to bee Sir William Glascocke, one of the Masters of the Chauncery in Ordinary. Who being present, itt was proposed to him and he was desyred to undertake the said

Readinge, but hee insistinge upon his priviledge as Master of the Chauncerey, and offeringe some other reasons for his excuse, hee was likewise past by.

"And the proposall and desyre aforesaid was made to his next ancient in course, M^r William Foxwist, who likewise humbly offered severall reasons for his excuse, and declared his resolutione upon this surprise not to Reade.

"And then the same proposall and desyre was made to M^r William Page, the next ancient in course to the said M^r Foxwist; who, beinge alsoe now present, humbly offered severall reasons for his excuse, and likewise declared his resolutione upon this surprise not to Reade.

"The next ancient in course beinge M^r Francis Boteler, and hee not present, and alledged to bee in the country sicke, hee was past by.

"And the proposall and desyre aforesaid continued to M^r George Day, the next ancient in course to M^r Boteler; who prayed time till next Counsell to returne his answer; which is granted him."

Council held on November 24th, 1663.

Sixteen Benchers present.

Ordered that Sir Thomas Beverley, Knight, Master of Requests, shall have place and precedency at the Bench next to the Honorable Sir Harbottle Grimston, Baronet, Master of the Rolls.

Sir Edward Bish is discharged of the Bench, but shall remain as an Associate thereunto, with his present antiquity, so as he relinquish his Bench chamber and leave it at the disposal of the House.

Sir William Glascock is excused from Reading and all other *fo. 726.* exercises. It is left to his own discretion what compensation he will make for this indulgence and favour.

Call to the Bench:

M^r John Gouldsmyth, an ancient Barrister, with a saving of antiquity to himself, and also to his ancients hereafter to be called to the Bench.

M^r George Day declares his willingness to Read next Lent, which the Benchers do gratefully accept. He shall have all the priviledges and allowances enjoyed either by M^r Prynn or M^r Ashton, the two last Readers, or any others who have Read as Double Readers. He shall also have the disposal of his present chamber, and the choice of a Bench chamber when one falls vacant.

Council held on November 26th, 1663.

Nineteen Benchers present.

fo. 727. The Order of the last Council discharging Sir Edward Bish of the Bench is now annulled; and he shall remain a Bencher. He is excused from Reading, and, as an acknowledgment, he voluntarily resigns his Bench chamber.

M^r George Day, Reader elect, who by order of the last Council was to have the disposal of his present chamber and the choice of a Bench chamber when any fell to the House, now declares his desire to retain his present chamber and to have the disposal thereof, and also his willingness to waive the choice of any Bench chamber—"Itt is in respect thereof now Ordered that the said M^r Day shall bee presented with a hundred poundes as the voluntarie gift and respect of this Societye to him, and that the same bee payd him out of the Treasurye of the House, towards his charges att his Readinge."

"Att this Counsell M^r John Tillotson, a learned devine, is chosen to bee Minister and Preacher to this Society; and itt is ordered that hee shall have the same yearely exhibitione and allowances which M^r Greenfield, the last Preacher to this Societye, hadde, too witt, one hundred poundes exhibitione, payable att the end of every tearme by equall portions, the first payment to begin att the end of the next tearme, and twentye four poundes more for vacatione commons, and to have commons for himselfe and his man in tearme tyme, and chamber; And Sir Robert Atkins, M^r Harrison, Deane of the Chappell, M^r Foxwist, M^r Manby and M^r Churchill, five of the Masters of the Bench, or any two of them, are appoynted a Committee to acquainte the said M^r Tillotson with the electione of him as aforesaid, and to treat with him aboute such things as the Masters of the Bench expects performance from him off in case hee accepts of the place, too witt, to preach twice every Lord's Day in tearme tyme and next before and after every tearme, and in Readinge time, and once every Lord's Day in vacatione, and as other occasione shall require, and to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together with the Chaplayne of this House every tearme and vacatione, and alsoe to resyde constantly in the Society, and not to absent himselfe thence without leave first therefore obteyned from the Masters of the Bench in Counsell, or the Quatuors in the Hall."

Council held on November 27th, 1663.

"Att this Counsell notice beinge taken of the manifold inconveniencies and ill consequences usually attendinge publicke gaminge att cardes or dice in this and other Societyes, and how

that former Orders of Counsell, made for the suppressing thereof, have not hadde the effect desyred : Now for the revivinge *fo. 728.*
and reinforcing thereof, and for the future prevention of the
evills and mischiefes that have hereby heretofore happened to
the greate dishonor of God, debauchinge and corruptinge of
youth, and oftentimes the undoinge and impoverishinge of many
persons in theyre estates, as alsoe the scandall of the governmente
of this Societie :—Itt is thought fitt and Ordered that none
of the Fellowes of this Societie shall henceforward in Christmasse
time, or any other times, play att any cardes or dice with any
strangers, either in the Hall, Buttery, or Counsell Chamber,
upon payne of expulsione from the House, nor that any strangers
be permitted or suffered amongst themselves to play there, as
aforesaid." The officers are strictly charged to prevent strangers
from resorting to the House for the purposes aforesaid. Christmas
commons shall not be held for more than three weeks, according
to ancient Orders. This Order shall be screened.

The Commissioners of the Treasury report that the Treasury
is nearly exhausted, and that a supply of money is urgently needed.
Also that considerable sums are due to the House for arrears of
fortnight's commons and other duties from several Fellows, viz:—
Sir Thomas Escourt, Knight, Associate to the Bench, M^r Ansell
and M^r Norfolk, two Utter Barristers, and many more. Notice
shall be given to all in arrears to appear before Sir Robert Atkins
[and five other Benchers], appointed a Committee for the Survey
of Chambers, at such time and place as they shall appoint, and
then make payment of all arrears, or such composition as the
Committee shall think reasonable. The chambers of defaulters
shall be seized as forfeited.

The election of the new Black Book Keeper is postponed. *fo. 729.*
M^r Foxwist shall continue to act in the meantime.

*M^r Edwin Rich, an Associate of the Bench, is admitted to
a chamber in the Garden Court and Row, now in the disposal of
the House by the resignation of Sir Edward Bish, who held it as
Bench Chamber, on payment of £120.

Officers for 1664 :

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Lent Reader : M^r George Day.

Autumn Reader : Sir Robert Atkins.

Treasurer : Sir Robert Atkins.

Keeper of the Black Book : M^r William Foxwist.

* Red Book I, fo. 284.

Council held on February 4th, 16 Charles II, 1664.

Fifteen Benchers present.

fo. 730. None shall in future be called to the Bar, but such as have duly kept their under-Bar vacations. The second Butler shall note on the paper of names for a Call to the Bar those who have and have not kept their said vacations. This Order to be screened.

M^r Prynn, M^r Ashton, M^r Boteler, M^r Day, M^r Manby and M^r Powis are appointed a Committee "to consider of some proposalls (as they shall thinke fitt) for the regulatinge, ordering and retrenchinge of expences att Grand Readinges in the House, soe that the same may not be soe expensefull and wastfull as in former times, but reduced to moderacione; and they are desyred to present the same to the Counsell."

A bond, dated November 7th last, in the penalty of £600, entered into by M^r John Bennett, the Steward, together with M^r Richard Cornewall of Warwick Lane, London, gentleman, Rowland Stead of Beare Bynder Lane, confectioner, and Philip Bennett of Gray's Inn Lane, innholder, for the Steward's discharge of his duties according to his agreement, is handed in, and ordered to be placed with the other writings of the House.

Council held on February 11th, 1664.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 731. "Upon the Readinge of a letter from the Right Hon^{ble} Edward, Earle of Manchester,* Lord Chamberlyne of His Ma^{tie}'s Household, intimatinge M^r Bray, one of the Utter Barristers of this Societie, to bee a sworne meniall servant of his Ma^{tie}'s Privy Chamber in ordinarye," and asking that he might therefore be excused from the payment of fortnight's commons,—Ordered that it be referred to the Committee for the Survey of Chambers.

The present Cook, who was brought in by the Steward according to his agreement, shall not have commons at the charges of the House.

"Ordered that Mr. Garrett bee and is hereby chosen to bee Chaplyne to this Society, and to have the yearly exhibitiōe and salery of fiftie poundes, payable att the latter end of every tearme, as heretofore to his predecessors, besydes the benefitt of M^r Colfer's Monethly Lecture,† (M^r Tilletson, the present Preacher to this Societie, consenting thereunto); and for the arreares due to him hitherto for supplyinge the Chaplyne and Preacher's place hee is to have his former allowance of thirtie shillings a weeke; and further to bee allowed his commons in tearme and vacatiōe,

* Edward Montagu, 2nd Earl.

† See Vol. II, p. 426.

(if the same bee kept in the House), and the Chamber belonging to the Chaplyne, which beinge att present (as informed) somethinge out of repayre, M^r Treasurer is desyred to cause the same to bee putt into convenient and necessary repayre both within and without, for the better accomodacione of the said M^r Garrett, and withall to pay him his exhibitione and other moneys aforesaid as the same shall prove due or allready due to him. In respect whereof the said M^r Garrett is faythfully and carefully to performe the duties of his place, by publicke prayer and preaching in tearme and vacatiōe, in manner followinge, that is to say, prayer twice every day (as usuall) in tearme, and vacatiōe tyme if commons hold; if not, twice on every Lord's Day, Wednesdayes and Frydayes in every weeke; and constant preaching once every Lord's Day in vacatiōe tyme; and otherwise as used by his predecessors." *fo. 732.*

"Ordered that Sir Robert Atkins, the present Treasurer,* [and six other Benchers], are hereby appoynted a Committee to treat and agree (as to them shall seeme meete for the profit and advantage of the Societie) with any person or persons concerning buildinges to bee erected and made att the further north end of the Garden towards Holborne, without any annoyance to itt or to the House; as alsoe to consider of and conclude any other buildinge additionall to the House, soe that if possible the same may be gon about with all convenient speed." And to report at the first Council next term.

According to the former usage and ancient Orders of the House, the three puisne Benchers and the two last Single Readers must attend M^r Reader at the next Lent Reading, under a penalty of five marks apiece. Also such Barristers as are vacationers, under a penalty of 40s. apiece. *fo. 733.*

At this Council the Commissioners of the Treasury, M^r Day, M^r Goddard and M^r Manby, are discharged from their office, and Sir Robert Atkins is chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing.

M^r William Page is chosen Keeper of the Black Book.

†On the petition of M^r Thomas Washer, "complayninge of wrong done him by his chamber-fellow, M^r Richard Abbott, in dispossinge [?] dispossessing] his clarke of the clarke's seate belonging to him in that parte of the chamber hee now houldeth in this House." Referred to the Committee for Survey of Chambers.

* He was elected at this Council, *post.*

† Red Book I, fo. 286.

Council held on May 10th, 1664.
Eleven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

fo. 734. Edmond Weld, gentleman, Thomas Lake, esquire, Richard Catlin, gentleman, and Richard Rainsford, gentleman ; to be published at the next moot.

M^r Ashton, M^r Day and M^r Foxwist are appointed to examine the Book of Admittances, and to convent before them such Fellows as have been admitted by manucaptors not having chambers, and to require them within some reasonable time to procure other manucaptors to be approved of by the Committee.

All Fellows to be admitted in future must find two manucaptors, one of whom must have a chamber in the House, or else give a bond.

fo. 735. Robert Ball is appointed gardener, at a wage of £26 a year.

Council held on May 17th, 1664.
Twelve Benchers present.

fo. 736. Sir Thomas Beverley, Knight, Master of Requests, is excused from Reading this summer, as he is now engaged on the King's service in Ireland.

Sir Robert Atkins undertook to Read this summer, although not his turn, being requested to do so by the rest of the Bench.

"Ordered that the Committee for buildings begunn at the upper end of the Garden, (and now stayed by Order of Reference from his Majestie), or any two of them, doe attend the two Cheife Justices,* with Sir John Denham, to whom the said reference is made," and to report.

M^r Tillotson's opinion shall be asked as to the clause in M^r Colfer's will in which both he and M^r Garrett are concerned.

The accounts for each week's commons shall be audited by the Masters of the Bench, in their turns, at the end of each week, according to the ancient course.

"Ordered that the Gardiner shall not permitt any but knowne persons of quality to enter into the Garden at any time whatsoever; and that noe person whatsoever (other then such as are members of this Society) are to be permitted to walke therein after the beginning of any dinner time untill three a'clocke in the afternoone, nor after after the beginning of any supper time in the Hall untill eight a'clocke in the evening in tearme time."

* Sir Robert Hyde and Sir Orlando Bridgman.

Council held on June 16th, 1664.
Ten Benchers present.

fo. 737.

Call to the Bar :

John Sabyn, Richard Jaques and Henry Longe ; to be published at the next Moot. M^r Sabyn, being of eleven years' standing, shall have seniority of those called last Easter.

Sir Robert Atkins, M^r Prinn and M^r Day are to attend the Judges on Saturday next at Serjeants' Inn.*

A Committee is appointed to report "what allowances and priveledges have beene belonging unto Readers in this Society formerlie."

On the motion of Sir Robert Atkins, Knight of the Bath, the absence of his son, Sir Robert Atkins, Knight, is excused from the time of his admittance until Michaelmas Term next, by reason of his continuance at the University.†

"Ordered that M^r Keilway Guidott, the late Steward, be henceforward Attendant upon the Treasurer for the time being, as to all such matters of accompts, reparacions and other affaires of the House, as he shall be directed to or imploied in by the Treasurer as aforesaid : And that the said M^r Guidott shall, during his said employment, enjoy the chamber which he now hath within this House, and alsoe have such other encouragements as to the Masters of the Bench from time to time shall seeme meete."

Sir Robert Atkins, Reader elect, shall have all allowances fo. 738. and privileges that Single Readers have had formerly.

"Ordered that noe Bencher of this Society, other then in the capacity of a Double Reader, be excused from doeing of exercise, without speciall Order of the Councill."

Council held on June 28th, 1664.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered, upon the petition of Anne Lever, widdow, the fo. 739. relict of Richard Leaver, sometimes Chaplin of this House, setting forth hir greate charge and weake estate, and thereupon praying releife,—that forty shillings be paid unto hir by M^r Treasurer."

* Doubtless in connection with the Judges' orders. See Appendix.

† Sir Robert, the son, was knighted on Sept. 5th, 1663, on the occasion of Charles II's visit to Bristol, of which city Sir Robert, the father, was then Recorder. He was born in 1647, so was only 16 years old at the time. Author of *The Ancient and Present State of Gloucestershire*, 1712.

Council held on October 28th, 1664.

Thirteen Benchers present.

fo. 740. Sir Thomas Beverley, Knight, being made Master of Requests, is excused from Reading and all other exercises.

M^r William Foxwist and M^r William Page are excused from Reading in this Society.

Council held on November 10th, 1664.

Twelve Benchers present.

fo. 741. "Ordered that a fine of twenty nobles be and hereby is imposed upon Thavies Inne for theire fayler of Reading the last sommer; and that notice be given them of the payment thereof."

The gentlemen's petition concerning a Library Keeper is deferred till the next Council.

Council held on November 15th, 1664.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Edward Littleton, Thomas Adderley Eyre,* William Kent, Thomas Pedley, Richard Seys, Henry Newcomen, Henry Temple, and Owen Winne, gentlemen; to be published at the next moot.

Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Bench, shall be attended by M^r Prynne and M^r Day in reference to the new buildings.

fo. 742. The Steward states that £175 19s. 3d. is due to him for apparels, and that he is therefore unable to pay the brewer and baker, to whom he owes great sums. The Treasurer shall pay £60 to the brewer and baker, if so much be due to them.

M^r Day is desired to take care that M^r Colfer's legacy be paid; and to that end to confer with M^r Guidott, who is able to give him information concerning the same.

"Ordered that any Benchers of this Society, refusing to Reade and having not already Read, shall not have† the priveledge of a Benchers."

Council held on November 18th, 1664.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that noe dispensacion for absence after admittance be for the future granted to any Fellow of this Society other then a Judge's or a Benchers sonne."

* Called *Thomas Eyre Adderley* on admission.

† *Thereby forfeit*, struck out.

Every Benchers who shall on summons fail to attend the Councils in this Society, shall forfeit 6s. 8d.

The Order as to Benchers refusing to Read is hereby *fo. 743.* confirmed.

M^r Bedingfield, M^r Richard Estcourt, Sir Edward Byshe, Sir William Glascock, M^r Foxwist and M^r Page, are the Benchers who have refused to Read.

M^r Edward Rich is elected Lent Reader. He shall have the next Bench chamber falling vacant and liberty to dispose of his present chamber, and all usual privileges.

The Rules for regulating the expenses of Readings, read and agreed upon at this Council, are as follows :—

“Orders for retrenching and moderating the excessive expences of Readings.

1. “That noe Reader shall supp nor give any wine or exceedings in the Hall at suppers.

2. “That at all tables, except his owne, he shall give but one dish of exceedings to each messe at dinners, during his Reading; the Grand Day excepted, wherein he shall not exceed three dishes each messe.

3. “That before his lectures he shall have only butter and eggs at breakfasts in Lent, and bisketts and wine in Autume.

4. “That he shall have noe second course at his owne table, but only on the Grand Day; nor any strangers, but on his Grand and Petty-Grand Day, and those onely of the Long Robe and others to whome he hath speciall relacion.

5. “That every Reader, (except he be of the King's, Queene's, or Prince's Councell, or Recorder of the Citty of London), who shall transgresse or exceed these Orders, shall forfeit the summe of two hundred pounds, the one moiety to the House, the other to the next Reader, and bee suspended the Bench till payment thereof.

6. “That noe Member of the Society shall presume to take away any dish of meate in carrying to, or take or send any dish from the Reader's table, without his leave or direccion, under paine of being suspended the House.”

Council held on November 28th, 1664.

Nine Benchers present.

The above Orders for Readings shall be screened.

fo. 744.

£5 9s. 4d. is paid to William Drew, freemason, for paving the Stone Pace Walk in Gate House Court.

* Mr James Rudyard is admitted to Mr William Greenhill's part of a chamber in Gate House Court, Hall End Row, over the kitchen, on payment of £5.

Accounts of Robert Atkyns, Knight of the Bath, Solicitor General to the Queen, the Treasurer, from Feb. 11th to Nov. 29th, 1664.

Receipts: £706 15s. 0d. Including £19 for the rent of buildings newly erected in Furnival's Inn; £37 from Mr Manby, one of the Treasurers last year; £24 4s. 4d. from Mr Day for the like.

Payments: £706 15s. 0d. Including £36 each to George Day and Sir Robert Atkyns, the Readers this year; £124 to Mr John Tillotson, the Preacher, for his salary; £50 to William Drew, the mason, and £50 to Anthony Baskerville, the bricklayer; £60 to Richard Cooper, architect; £3 17s. 4d. to Christopher Wren, lath maker [*scandularius*]; £18 18s. 11d. to the said Richard Cooper; £16 for music.

Balance: None.

1665. Officers for 1665.

Lent Reader: Mr Edward Rich.

Autumn Reader: No Reading.

Treasurer: Mr George Day.

Keeper of the Black Book: Mr Francis Boteler.

fo. 745.

Council held on January 31st, 17 Charles II, 1665.

Twelve Benchers present.

Sir Robert Atkins is requested to confer with Mr Gooderick, who is desirous of being appointed Chaplain in the room of Mr Garrett.

Mr Keilway Guidott, the late Steward, petitions that his term of years yet to come in the house in Newgate Market may be extended to 21 years.† A Committee is appointed to report generally.

fo. 746.

"Ordered that Mr Treasurer [Day] doe take care to veiwe all the severall peices of plate belonging to the House, now in the possession of the Steward, and to have them placed in the Hall upon the Grand Day, for the honor of the Society."

"Ordered that Mr Richard Adams, being chosen Reader of Thavies Inn for the yeare ensueing, doe performe the said Reading, either by himselfe or his deputy, at his perill."

* Red Book I, fo. 289.

† See Vol. II, p. 346.

"Ordered that the Roll or Rolls heretofore used in this House for the collecting of moneys for Musick, Coles, Library and Gardiner, be renewed; and the moneyes henceforth to become due thereupon be collected accordingly." *

Council held on February 7th, 1665.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Goodericke is appointed Chaplain in the room of M^r Garrett. He shall have £40 a year, chamber and diet, "and other usuall accomodacions, as M^r Ashley enjoyed them." *fo. 747.*

The Treasurer [Day] is to keep the House plate until further Order, "as he would keepe his owne."

A committee is again to attend the two Chief Justices "in reference to the proceeding of the new building at the upper end of the Garden."

Council held on February 10th, 1665.

fo. 748.

Ten Benchers present.

"Upon the Steward's petition, praying to have care taken of him, who (as he saith) left the King's service to serve this Society, It is ordered that his security be looked into" and reported on.

M^r Keilway Guidott must attend the next Council "to give informacion what persons are now chargeable with the arreares of M^r Colfer's legacy."

"Ordered that M^r Goodericke doe supply the monthly lecture sermon, according to M^r Colfer's will, untill M^r Tillotson shall appoint another to preach the said sermon, or untill further Order."

Council held on February 13th, 1665.

fo. 749.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that if any gentleman of this Society from and after next Wednesday dinner, during the time of the Reading, shall eate any one meale's meate in the Hall, he shall not be a repaster, but in commons for the halfe weeke wherein he shall take that meale." This Order to be screened.†

James Butler, William Barry, Richard Barry junior, and Robert Dixon, natives of the Kingdom of Ireland, being in arrear for commons, must pay or give satisfaction to the Steward within one week; in default, they shall be suspended from taking any commons. In future, Irishmen, having no chambers nor manu-

* All Rolls, save the Preacher's, were abolished in 1652. See Vol. II, p. 393.

† The marginal note says—"Noe repast to be taken in the Hall during the time of the Reading."

captors of whom one has a chamber, must give security for the payment of their commons and dues.

Ordered that forty shillings be paid to Richard Brownley, Chief Butler, for his extraordinary pains in making up of divers rolls for the better management of businesses in this House.

Council held on April 20th, 1665.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 750. Mr Bennett, the late Steward, must bring in a list of those who owe him money for commons.

Richard Brownley, the Chief Butler, shall have 6d. in the £ on all moneys collected by him.

Mr Francis Boteler is elected Summer Reader.

fo. 751. Council held on April 27th, 1665.

Thirteen Benchers present.

Mr Francis Boteler, who had been elected Autumn Reader in his absence, did now desire with much earnestness to be excused, "having formerly given notice of his resolution therein in regard of many infirmities and an indisposicion of health, which have continued upon him for many yeares; which occasioned him long since to decline all practice of the law, and consequently all benefitt and profitt arising from thence." The Bench urged him to reconsider his decision, pointing out that if he refused to undertake the Reading there would be danger of a total fail. "He thereupon did make this offer, viz^t, that if his Reading from Munday untill Fryday might be accepted, he would then adventure to undertake it; yett neverthesse upon this condicion, that if a fitt of sicknesse or other disturbance should interpose, whereby his proceedings therein should be obstructed, contrary to his intencion or desires, that in such case a failer of Reading should not be charged upon him." His offer is accepted. And it is ordered that he shall have the next Bench chamber happening to fall to the House, free liberty to dispose of his present chamber, "and alsoe all allowances and priviledges whatsoever, belonging to any Reader in this Society."

"In regard of the present and pressing necessities of this Society in this juncture of time," principally occasioned by the backwardness of those who are indebted to the House and Steward for commons and other duties,—“It is ordered that every member of this Society doe advance one Grand Weeke's commons, at the rate of tenn shillings per weeke, and pay the same upon Saterday next into the hands of such person or persons as the Quatuor then sitting at the Bench table shall appoint, for the Grand Weeke beginning on Saturday night next; which advance the Masters

of the Bench themselves will at that time particularly make, and rest confident that there is not one gentleman within the whole Society who will not with all readinesse doe the same." To be screened.

All arrears must be paid forthwith, on pain of seizure of *fo. 752.* chambers.

The house in Newgate Market, now leased to M^r Guidott, must be well repaired, according to the covenants in the lease, before any treaty be had with him for a new lease.

Council held on May 5th, 1665.

Nine Benchers present.

The Order made at the last Council for the payment in advance of the following week's commons, is repeated in all points for the week now ensuing, at the rate of 9s. a week, which is to be paid on Saturday next.

Call to the Bar:

fo. 753.

M^r Mathew Price; to be published at the next moot.

"Ordered, upon the petition of Thomas Holland, that M^r Treasurer be desired to pay for soe many dozen of the hollow trenchers, furnished at Sir Robert Atkyns his Reading, as shall be produced at the time of the demand of the mony to be paid for them."

A committee is appointed "to inquire from the time of the institution of fortnight's commons whether they have duely accrued to and bene ymployed for the benefitt of the House or not; and to that purpose to call before them all persons concerned therein," and to report.

"Ordered that Sir Thomas Beverley, Knight, Master of Requests to the King's Majestie, Sir Robert Atkins, Knight of the Bath, [and four other Benchers], be desired in the name and on the behalfe of this Society to make such applicacion unto his Majestie, the Lord Chancellor, and the Master of the Rolls, or any other of his Majestie's Councill, or other his officers, as to them shall seeme meete, for the better removeing of all obstruccions and procuring of license from his Majestie, whereby the Society may be enabled to proceed in the erecting of such buildings upon their owne ground, as they shall resolve on, to the honour and benefitt of the Society."

Every Member of this Society shall be charged with a fortnight's commons, whereof the Grand Week to be one, every term if *visus in villa*.

*M^r Cranmore Herris is admitted into part of a chamber in Chancery Lane Court, Chancery Lane Row, late belonging to Sir William Bowyer, Knight, and forfeited by him for default of payment of commons and other duties, exceeding the value of the said part of a chamber. M^r Herris must pay £40.

fo. 754.

Council held on May 8th, 1665.

Nine Benchers present.

The Steward is allowed 9s. a week for commons, from the beginning of this term.

Council held on May 26th, 1665.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Cheife Butler and Porter doe give notice unto each gentleman of the Society having strangers lodging in his chamber, that he doe forthwith cause them to remove out of the said chamber, under paine of forfeiting thereof; and in the absence of the owner of the chamber, during the time of the infection,[†] the said officers are commanded to see that strangers be removed accordingly. And the Masters of the Bench will use theire best endeavours, and give theire assistance therein."

The Pannierman must see that the locks of the several doors of the house of office are altered, so that none of the former keys will open them, and shall provide new keys. "And at his perill doe not suffer any one, except he be a member of the Society, to keepe a key to open either of the said lockes soe altered, during the time of the infeccion, without acquainting some one at the least of the Masters of the Bench therewith. And this to continue untill further Order."

"Ordered that every Lord's Day, and alsoe upon other speciall dayes, during the time of divine service or sermon, both the backgates of this House shall be safely locked up by the Porter of the House, who alsoe is to see that the foregate be shutt before service time on those dayes, to the end that none but persons of quality may be admitted to come unto the Chappell during the time of the infeccion. And to that end it is further ordered that the rest of the officers of the House be active and assistant in the keeping of the said gates soe shutt up upon those dayes, untill further Order."

A sufficient lock is to be provided for the west gate, and keys for the Masters of the Bench only. Any unauthorised key must be at once reported.

* Red Book I, fo. 292.

† The plague commenced in Dec. 1664.

Council held on June 2nd, 1665.

fo. 755.

Ten Benchers present.

Commons must be paid for at the end of every week, repasts when taken. This Order to be screened.

"Ordered that noe gentleman be admitted a member of this Society without two manucaptors, either of them having a chamber in the House; and that none having a chamber be permitted to parte therewith untill he have given satisfaccion to the House and Steward thereof, as well for the commons and other duties of every such gentleman for whome he is manucaptor, as for his owne commons and duties, the discharge whereof is to appeare by a certificate under the hand of the Cheife Butler before any licence to be given to any gentleman to dispose of his chamber."

Three Benchers are appointed to accompany the Benchers of the other Inns to wait on the Lord Chancellor and the Judges, to know their pleasures concerning the holding of Readings this Autumn. *fo. 756.*

The dead trees in the walks shall be felled.

Council held on June 13th, 1665.

Ten Benchers present.

If M^r Guidott pays £220 within a week, he shall have a lease of the house in Newgate Market for 21 years from midsummer next, upon the terms of his present lease, which must be delivered up to be cancelled.

A Committee is appointed to consider the safety of the House during the infection. They shall arrange with some persons to remain in the House.

"That in regard of the present greate contagion there be noe Reading in this Society the next Autumne."

The Preacher and the Chaplain have leave of absence until the Sunday before next term. Twenty pounds shall be given to M^r Tillotson "in testimony of the respects and favour had unto him by the Masters of the Bench."

The Orders for the time of infection :

fo. 757.

"Orders to be diligently observed and kept by the persons hereafter named, who are hereby appointed to keepe watch and ward in this House untill further Order, viz^t, Richard Brownley, Cheife Butler, John Whatley, Porter of the Gate, Richard Provender, fourth Butler, John Durfey, Stacioner at the Gate, John Anderton, the Gardiner, John Davies and Joseph Stannynott, as followeth:—

1. "Two of them, by tornes now to be agreed on, to keepe watch every night, and two other of them to waite at and guard the fore gate every day. The Watchers by night are to goe up every story in each staire case twice every night, and the Warders by day to doe the same twice every day, that all chambers may be safe, and the dores kept locked. And one of the Warders is to accompany all strangers, desiring to speake with any person in the House, unto the chamber which he or they inquire for.

2. "Noe strangers to be permitted to lodge in the House, according to former Orders, and the penaltyes therein expressed to be undergone by every one who shall not carefully looke unto his charge, and act accordingly.

3. "None of the Watchers or Warders to lodge or dyett out of the House, or otherwise to neglect his dutye in any particular whatsoever, under paine of being removed from his place or attendance.

4. "Noe gentleman of the Society or other person after tenn a'clocke at night (when the fore gate is peremtorily to be shutt upp, and to be opened noe more untill the next morning) shall expect to have the gate opened for him."

"The allowances following are made unto the severall persons before named, to be paid them weekly by the weeke, beginning on the third day of July; and they, performing theire respective duties, soe to continue untill further Order. Viz^t, unto Richard Brownley, Cheife Butler, vjs.; unto John Whatley, Porter of the Gate, Richard Provender, fourth Butler, John Davies, washpott, and Joseph Stannynott, vs. apeice; unto John Durfey, Stacioner at the Gate, and John Anderton, Gardiner, 4s. apeice.

"They are to be furnished with small beere out of the cellar, for theire diett and other ordinary occasions, for which noe payment to be made, untill further Order.

"It is alsoe thought fitt that Thomas Smyth, third Butler, lying very lame and ill of a broken legge, have the weekly allowance of vs. untill further Order. And the Cheife Butler and Porter to take care for ordering thereof for his use accordingly. And that the turnspitt have 2s. a weeke allowed him."

1666. Officers for 1666.

Lent Reader : No Reading.

Autumn Reader : No Reading.

Treasurer : M^r George Day.

Keeper of the Black Book : M^r William Page.

Council held on February 8th, 18 Charles II, 1666.

Nine Benchers present.

"This was the next Councell after the thirteenth day of June last." [*Margin*].

"Ordered that the severall allowances mencioned in the Orders of the last Councell of Trinity Tearme, to be paid to the persons therein named, be continued unto each of them who is yett in being, untill further Order."

"Ordered that whosoever shall be Porter of this House shall permitt and suffer Amy Josselyn, widdowe, to make use of the bench and place under the Gate, as formerly she hath donne, freely and without any interrupcion."

John Davyes, the wash-pot, is appointed to the Porter's *fo. 758.* place, void by the death of John Whatley.

Council held on February 12th, 1666.

Nine Benchers present.

M^r Tillotson, the Preacher, has leave of absence until the usual time next term.

The preaching of the monthly sermon, established by the gift of M^r Colfer, is respited until next term.

"The consideracion of the wall towards Little Lincolne's Inne Feilds is referred to M^r Treasurer."

* M^r James Hayes, "being on the sodaine engaged to attend Prince Rupert in the quality of a secretary," has leave to dispose of his chamber.

† Sir Richard Browne, Knight, one of the Associates of the Bench, shall be admitted to the Chamber late M^r James Acton's in Chancery Lane Court, Chancery Lane Row, on payment of £60.

Council held on May 12th, 1666.

Eleven Benchers present.

Sir Thomas Beverley and the other Benchers who have given bonds for the repayment of £200, borrowed from M^r Erasmus Moyse for the use of the House, shall be indemnified. The Treasurer shall pay the interest.

Call to the Bar :

Edward Bettenson, John Duckett, Arthur Jegon, Thomas Syms, Isaac Preston, Nicholas Martin, John Browne, Hugh Hodges, James Hinton and Timothy Felton ; to be published at the next moot.

fo. 759.

* Red Book I, fo. 294.

† Red Book I, fo. 295.

M^r Manby is requested to ascertain the name of the tenant of those lands, late in the occupation of Nathaniel Wright, in Thunderley and Wimbish, in the county of Essex, charged with the payment of £20 per annum given by M^r Colfer.* He is to apply for payment of all arrears, and in case of refusal to enforce payment by distress or otherwise.

The monthly sermon is respite until next term.

The Treasurer shall take steps for bringing water into the Garden, and also shall see that the earth laid under the wall of the House in Little Lincoln's Inn Fields be removed.

Council held on May 28th, 1666.

Ten Benchers present.

fo. 76o.

A Committee is appointed "aswell to consider of the fashion and all other circumstances of the buildings to be erected in the walkes below the Garden, as alsoe to treat with the inhabitants of Holborne in relation to theire building of a wall and leaving of three foote of the ground belonging to this House beyond the wall towards Holborne to remaine unused by the said inhabitants."

"Ordered that a faire Register Booke be forthwith provided by the appointment of M^r Treasurer for the registering of the names of all persons dying and henceforth to be buried in this House; and the said booke to be kept in the Chappell and an entry therein to be made by the Chaplaine for the time being in the presence of the Deane of the Chappell, if he shall be here, or, otherwise, in the presence of some one of the rest of the Masters of the Bench, whose name, together with the Chaplaine's name, are both to be subscribed to the said Booke upon each particular occasion."†

Council held on June 28th, 1666.

Ten Benchers present.

"Whereas divers gentlemen of this Society, whose names in writeing are presented to the Masters of the Bench, have chambers in the House and make little or none other use of the same but to accommodate others, who neither come into commons, nor pay duties, nor performe exercises, contrary to the Orders of the House; whereby not only the profit, but alsoe the reputacion and honour of the Society is much lessened;

"At this Councell it is ordered that noe member of this Society having a chamber in the House shall permitt or suffer any person

* See Vol. II, p. 427.

† There had been a previous Register, *see* Vol. II, pp. 293, 297, 404. The earliest Burial Register extant begins in 1695; the entries are not signed.

who at the present time shall not be lyable to be cast into commons, to pay duties to the House, and to performe his exercises in course, (servants onely excepted), to lodge in his chamber in his absence; but shall either make use of his chamber himselfe, or sell the same to such a person as is capable, according to the Orders of the House." To be screened.

M^r Goodricke shall continue to officiate [as Chaplain] this next vacation; he shall be allowed 9s. a week when there are no vacation commons.

"Ordered that a brick wall of tenn foot high at the least *fo. 761.* above the ground, besides the coping, with an answerable foundation, be built at the upper end of the Garden towards Holborne, with fower seates to be conveniently placed therein."

No member of this Society who is still indebted to M^r Keilway Guidott, the former Steward, for commons, shall be permitted to sell his chamber, or shall be called to the Bar, until he has paid M^r Guidott as well as the House dues.

The like Order for M^r Bennett, another late Steward.

Two Benchers are appointed to look after the arrears of the Preacher's Roll and the Chimney money.*

Call to the Bar:

Richard Winch, with a salvo of his antiquity as to all called last Easter Term.

Council held on July 3rd, 1666.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r William Aston, one of the Fellows of this Society, is suspended for his insolvency in striking M^r Eden, a Barrister of the House, within the walls of this Society.

Council held on November 13th, 1666.

fo. 762.

Eight Benchers present.

"The Masters of the Bench, having taken into their consideration M^r Guidott's petition concerning his losse sustained in Newgate Markett by the late dreadfull fyre,† being sencible thereof and willing to shew him favour therein, have nominated and appointed Sir Thomas Beverley" [and five other Benchers] to consider and report.

* The Hearth Tax imposed in 1662 by 13 and 14 Car. II, cap. 10.

† This, the "Great Fire," broke out on Sept. 2nd, and raged till Sept. 5th. It spread as far west as Fetter Lane.

Call to the Bar :

Edmond Lenthall, Richard Carwardine, Robert Bagott, Isaac Ewer, and Robert Cage.

"Ordered upon the petition of John Henthorne and Mary his wife, vintener at the S^t John's Heade Taverne in Chancery Lane, that one hundred pounds, viz^t, fifty pounds the next terme and fifty pounds more in Trinity Tearme following, be paid unto them by M^r Treasurer,* in full consideracion of their damage losse and hinderance susteined by pulling downe their house for the preservacion of this Society in case the late dreadfull fyre had approached soe neere unto it. And M^r Treasurer is desired to take care that in the rebuilding of the said house this Society may in noe wise be injured or encroached upon."

Call to the Bench :

M^r Robert Milward, saving the antiquity of his ancients.

Council held on November 22nd, 1666.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Philip Jones, being nearly of seven years' standing here, and being admitted of Gray's Inn before his admittance here.†

Also Richard Barry, a native of Ireland, of seven years standing or very near it.

‡ M^r William Domvill is admitted into M^r Richard Wynne's chamber in Field Gate Court, Library Row, on payment of 20 nobles as a fine, and all sums due for the Preacher's Roll and chimney money.

Accounts of George Daye, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Nov. 20th, 1664, to Nov. 20th, 1666.

Receipts : £2,050 1s. 9d. Including £407 for admissions to chambers and chamber fines ; £10 from M^r Place, Principal of Furnival's Inn for 2 years' rent ; £32 5s. from Baskerville for brick walls ; £220 from Kellway Guidott, a fine for the lease of the house in Newgate Market ; £325 15s. received on the Preacher's Roll.

Allowances : £1,869 10s. Including £36 to M^r Edward Rich, the Lent Reader, 1665 ; £3 3s. for lattices for the Chapel windows ; £291 6s. 6d. paid for Bennett, the Steward ; £52 to

* George Day continued to act this year.

† Admitted at Gray's Inn, Oct. 29, 1657 ; admitted here, Feb. 9, 1660.

‡ Red Book I, fo. 297.

William Drew, mason ; £239 to Anthony Baskerville, bricklayer ;
£4 8s. for curtains for the Chapel windows ; £10 to M^r
Dugdale for a book* ; £5 15s. for "bonefires"† and beer ; 20s. to
those who carried the goods of the Inn at the time of the fire ;
£16 6s. 6d. to M^r Bucknell for excise for two years ; £62 to
Baskerville ; £75 to him for the garden wall.

Balance: £180 11s. 9d.

Officers for 1667.

1667.

Lent Reader : No Reading.

Autumn Reader: M^r Thomas Powis.

Treasurer: M^r Edward Rich.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Guibon Goddard.

Council held on February 7th, 19 Charles II, 1667.

fo. 763.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that the ground in Newgate Margett [*sic*] belong-
ing to this House, whereupon the old house did stand, now
consumed by fier, for the renewing of the lease whereof M^r
Guidott paid the summe of two hundred and twenty pounds, be
viewed and measured."

"Ordered that the shopps without the Gate be built with
brick."

Council held on February 12th, 1667.

fo. 764.

Ten Benchers present.

Edward Rich, Esq., is elected Treasurer.

M^r Prynne must pass his accounts as Keeper of the Library.

"Ordered that M^r Keilway Guidott, surrendering his lease
now in being of the house and ground in Newgate Markett
belonging unto this House, shall have a new lease, under the
same rent and covenants, for one and forty years of the said
ground, whereupon he is to build a new house att his owne proper
costs and charges."

Three Benchers are "to consider what is fitt to be done and
allowed for and towards the probate in Chancery of the will of
M^r Colfer deceased, and to report."

"Ordered that M^r Goodericke be considered and rewarded
out of the arreares due upon the legacy given by M^r Colfer, when
they shall be received."

* Doubtless the first edition of *Origines Juridiciales*, published in 1666.

† These were probably on account of the Plague. Public bonfires were
ordered in many parts of London (Defoe's *Journal*), and it is not unlikely that the
Inn had fires of its own.

Mr Guybon Goddard is appointed Keeper of the Black Book in place of Mr William Page, who has held that office for three years.

fo. 765. Council held on April 30th, 1667.
Thirteen Benchers present.

Mr Guidott's lease shall be for 61 years, commencing Lady Day last. The "modell" of the new house must be approved of by the Bench before it is begun.

Council held on May 10th, 1667.
Fourteen Benchers present.

Mr Francis Boteler, who was elected Reader above two years ago, writes to be excused, alleging "his age, accompanied with extraordinary weaknesse of body and indisposicion of health, which have utterly disabled him from that service." As the facts are well known to most of the Benchers, he is discharged from all Readings, but shall nevertheless continue a Master of the Bench.

Mr Thomas Powis is elected Autumn Reader, "and that he be dispensed with Reading from Monday till Monday."

fo. 766. Council held on June 20th, 1667.
Ten Benchers present.

fo. 767. Call to the Bench:
Mr Richard Stote, an ancient Utter Barrister.

Call to the Bar:
Edward Bide, Thomas Browne, Robert Bendysh, and Nathan Knight.

* Mr William Whither is admitted into Mr James Cooper's chamber in Chancery Lane Court, Stone Pace Row, on payment of £5.

Council held on June 26th, 1667.
Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that untill satisfaccion be given to this House by the vintner at the St John's Head Taverne for the nusancess he hath made to severall chambers of this House by obstructing their lights by his new building, no money shall be paid him by the Treasurer of this House, notwithstanding any former Order to the contrary."

* Red Book I, fo. 302.

"Ordered upon the petition of M^r John Jones, one of the Fellowes of the Society of Grey's Inn, and the severall certificates thereunto annexed, that he the said M^r Jones be admitted a Fellow of this Society and have allowance here of his tyme and his exercises performed in Grey's Inn; which being compleated according to the rules of Grey's Inn, It is further ordered that the said M^r Jones be and is hereby called to the Barre, and that he be published and bring in his moote with the first opportunity."

Council held on November 12th, 1667.

fo. 768.

Ten Benchers present.

The chambers of all those who owe £5 or more for any duties, shall be seized until payment.

On the petition of M^r [Henry] Newcomen, It is ordered that his former call to the Bar be confirmed, and that he bring in his Bar Moot with all expedition.*

Call to the Bar :

M^r Boteler† and John Greene.

D^r Tillotson, the Minister [Preacher], shall have £50 a term in lieu of all allowance from the House.

‡ M^r William Cheiveley is admitted into part of a chamber in Kitchen Court, Kitchen Garden Row, in the disposition of the House by the death of M^r Richard Robins, paying £14 for a fine.

Council held on November 19th, 1667.

fo. 769.

Eight Benchers present.

"The draught of a modell of the new buildings to be erected in this House, together with a draught of the lease and the proposalls," are referred to a Committee.

Call to the Bar : M^r Dumvile,§ with his antiquity saved.

D^r Tillotson shall continue to have his commons in term and Reading time.

Council held on November 26th, 1667.

fo. 770.

Twelve Benchers present.

M^r Edward Atkins is desired to demand the arrears of the annuity given by M^r Colfer's will.

* See *ante*, p. 40.

† Query, James Butler, adm. Oct. 27, 1660.

‡ Red Book I, fo. 304

§ Probably William Domvill, adm. Jan. 16, 1660.

"Upon the petition of M^r Goodrick, it is ordered that the Treasurer doe pay to the sayd M^r Goodrick the summe of nyne pounds for performing the office of Chaplaine for the space of nyne months last past; and also the summe of three pounds for setting the Psalms in the Chappell for the space of a yeare and a halfe; but that nothing be payd to him for the future till the rent due upon M^r Colfer's estate be payd."

Resolved that the choice of a Reader for next Lent do begin from M^r Bedingfeild.

"This Counsell being satisfied that M^r Bedingfeild hath made a refusall to take upon him the office and exercise of Reading in this Society, It is ordered that the summe of one hundred pounds be imposed on him for a fyne for the same refusall."

The like order as to M^r Richard Estcourt.

fo. 771.

Call to the Bar :

John Franklyn, John Pollen, and John Edwards.

1668. Officers for 1668.

Lent Reader : No Reading.

Autumn Reader : M^r Gibbon Goddard.

Treasurer : M^r Edward Rich.

Keeper of the Black Book : M^r Richard Graves.

Council held on January 28th, 19 Charles II, 1668.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : [Edward] Manning.

"It is resolved upon the question, and so ordered, that such Members of the Bench as have not yet Read in their course of antiquity, and shall declare that they will not Read, shall have no voyce in the eleccion of Readers for this House; And that those Masters of the Bench who are in Towne or shalbe in Towne at the next Counsell, and shall not then declare that they will Read if they be chosen according to their antiquity, this Counsell will consider how to proceed towards them and towards the eleccion of a Reader for the next Lent, and likewise what to doe in reference to such Masters of the Bench as shalbe then absent; And that the eleccion of the next Reader shall begin with the next puisne to M^r Richard Estcourt, and so forwards according to every one's antiquity. But it is ordered that the Earle of Anglesey and the Master of the Rolls* are not intended to be comprehended within any part of this Order."

* Harbottle Grimston.

Council held on February 11th, 20 Charles II, 1668. *fo. 772.*
Seven Benchers present.

M^r William Ashton, one of the Fellows of the Society, is expelled the Society "for diverse misdemeanours by him committed within this Society and to some of the members of it."

The gentlemen of this Society, both at and under the Bar, *fo. 773.*
must perform their exercises at the Inns of Chancery this Lent Vacation, notwithstanding there is no Reading in this Society.

M^r Richard Graves is chosen Keeper of the Black Book.

Council held on April 14th, 1668.
Nine Benchers present.

The Treasurer shall forthwith provide a new book "made up of fine Dutch paper, to be covered with black leather, and about halfe the thicknes of the Black Booke now used for entring Orders made at Councill, and to be alsoe of a broader and longer seize then that is."

Call to the Bar :

BOOK IX.

Samuel Percivall, John Polewheelee, John Venables, Sir *p. 2.**
Robert Atkins, Knight, John Windham and John† Fountayne.

Council held on April 28th, 1668.
Eleven Benchers present, including John Howell, Recorder of London.

The Rolls of M^r Bennett, late Steward, shall be delivered to the present Steward for collection of all arrears ; the money collected shall be used in paying Bennett's creditors. All who refuse to pay "shall be sent for up before the Quatuor, and, not giving satisfaccion, their chambers shall be seized." *p. 3.*

"Ordered that M^r [Robert] Ashton, one of the Masters of the Bench, doe at the next Councill give satisfaccion for his passionate and inconsiderate expressions at this Councill to some of the Masters of the Bench now present ; and that a copy of this Order be sent to him forthwith."

† Sir William Glyn, one of the Fellows, is desired to show cause why he should not surrender the chambers to which he was admitted at the desire of his father, M^r Serjeant Glyn, on being repaid what his father paid for them ; "to the end the said chambers may be disposed of (as alwayes they were) to some of the Masters of the Bench, the same being the principall Bench Chamber of this House, and never before in the possession of any but Benchers."

* The first few leaves of this volume are numbered in pages instead of folios.

† Apparently an error for Thomas.

‡ Red Book I, fo. 309.

Council held on April 30th, 1668.

Ten Benchers present.

- p. 4. "Upon consideration had of those of the Masters of the Bench who have not as yet Read when it came to their courses, and notwithstanding, some of them enjoy Bench-chambers—Ordered that Sir Thomas Beverley, Knight, [Master of Requests], being one of them, doe either pay for his Bench-chamber the sum of ij^e marks, or that he leave the same for the use of such Masters of the Bench who either have or shall Read and want Bench-chambers." *

Mr William Foxwist is fined £40 for not Reading when it came to his course.

Mr William Page and Mr Francis Butler are fined £100 each for the like.

"And it is further ordered that none of the sayd persons shall have any voice in chusing Readers for the time to come."

"Ordered that notice be given to all the said Masters of the Bench of these Orders."

Mr Gibbon Goddard is chosen Autumn Reader, "it coming now regularly in course" to him.

"Ordered that Mr Robert Ashton, one of the Masters of the Bench, be suspended from the Bench for his non-attendance according to former Order, untill he give satisfaccion according to that Order."

Mr Steward, one of the Fellows, has promised his assistance in getting the arrears of Mr Colfer's annuity from those who ought to pay it. The Treasurer shall let him know the amount due.

- p. 5. Council held on May 4th, 1668.

Nine Benchers present.

All Masters of the Bench junior to Mr Goddard must at the next Council declare whether they will Read in their turns or not; "to the end ther may be noe failer for time to come."

The house of office shall be removed into the further corner of the Pump Close.

- p. 6. Council held on May 28th, 1668.

Eight Benchers present.

- p. 7. The above Order as to Reading is continued to the next Council.

"Ordered that the draught of Mr Treasurer's lease (now read and approved of) be engrost, and that the ground towards the

* See Appendix, and *post*, pp. 61, 64.

Feilds (which he is to build upon pursuant to that lease) be set out to-morrow."

"Wheras by the Constitucions and Orders of this Society noe Member therof ought in any wise to come into the Hall at tyme of dinner, supper, or exercize, without a gowne; and for offending therein divers persons in former tymes have bin expelled this House; and yet some few young gentlemen (being ignorant hereof) have of late in the vacation tyme adventured to come into the Hall with coates and swords, without their gownes, to the great scandall and subversion of the government of this Society." Every offender in future shall lose one whole week's commons at the then current rate, and shall not be called to the Bar or allowed to dispose of his chamber until payment; and if the offender is in commons, he shall not be allowed to go out of commons until payment. The Chief Butler is to note all breaches of this Order, which shall be forthwith screened.

Council held on June 4th, 1668.

p. 8.

Ten Benchers present.

The chambers of all Fellows who have not paid their commons and duties, in accordance with the recent Orders, shall be seized and padlocked.

"Ordered that the names of all Atturnys, Sollicitors and Clarks, who have bin lately admitted into this House, be delivered in at the next Councell; and that for the future noe such be admitted without first acquainting the Councell therewith, and leave obtained from them for their recepcion and admittance into this Society."

The Butlers and Porters shall deliver to the Quatuor on Monday next at dinner the names of all lodgers and dwellers in any chambers, who are not admitted thereinto.

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"Ordered that the intended new buildings be made and erected in the Pumpe Close, on that side therof which is next towards Fickett's Feilds, and to range along with the Portugall Rowe of houses."* £1000 shall be borrowed for the work, on the security of such Benchers as are not already bound for loans to the House. The gentlemen of the House shall also be treated with for the advance of money.

Council held on June 10th, 1668.

p. 10.

Eight Benchers present.

Every vacationer at the Bench must attend M^r Reader [Goddard] at the next Reading, on pain of £10.

* This scheme was not carried out. Portugal Row was the name of the south side of Lincoln's Inn Fields.

"Ordered that such persons who have bin admitted into this House, and doe practise as Attorneys, Clarkes, or Sollicitors, shall not be admitted into any chambers in this House soe long as they continue such employment, unless they can shew good cause to the contrary."

- p. 11. "Order'd that M^r Prynn, M^r Day, M^r Treasurer and M^r Graves, doe treat with those persons who have the legall interest of the feild towards Sheire Lane, for a peice of ground to goe range with Portugall Row of buildings from the Kitchen Garden belonging to this House."

Council held on October 29th, 1668.

Nine Benchers present.

"The former Order to treat with the persons interested in the ground which hath bin lately taken in with the new wall and gate next Sheire Lane Feild, he continued untill the next Councill."*

† "Ordered that M^r Treasurer doe proceed in the levelling of the outward walkes, planting of trees ther (as the Benchers shall approve of), and to finish the new house of office; as also to take down the old house of office in convenient time and to convert the materialls therof to other uses for the benifit of the Society. And it is further Ordered that for the time to come noe Treasurers shall take upon them to pluck downe walls, alter windowes, or doe any other thing concerning building, forming, or changing any part of the House, gates, gardens, and walks, without Order of the Councell for doing therof; unles it be things of absolute necessity, as repayres, where need shall be."

- p. 12. Council held on November 10th, 1668.

Ten Benchers present.

M^r Richard Graves is chosen Lent Reader.

"Ordered that for time to come noe Bencher shall be excused from Reading; and whosoever shall refuse to Read, when it comes to his turne soe to doe, shall loose all benifit and priviledge of a Bencher, (saving as to keeping of exercises in the Hall, when it comes to his course)."

Every person hereafter associated to the Bench shall pay £50.

- p. 13. Upon the motion and earnest desire of M^r Manby, all former Orders for the suspension of M^r Ashton from the Bench, are discharged.†

* This item is crossed through, and marked *vacat*.

† See *ante*, p. 58.

† Red Book I, fo. 312.

The accounts of M^r Rich, the present Treasurer, shall be forthwith taken.*

The Black Books are to be searched for precedents as to the precedency of Sir Robert Atkins, the Queen's Solicitor, and Sir John Howell, Recorder of London.

Council held on November 17th, 1668.

p. 14

Eleven Benchers present.

A search has been made in the Black Books, "and for that noe precidents can be found wher a Queene's Sollicitor hath taken place of a Recorder of London,—Ordered, therefore, and desired that Sir Robert Atkins, the now Queene's Sollicitor, be present at the next Councell to be heard therein."

M^r Thomas Drury is associated to the Bench, paying £50. p. 15.

Council held on November 26th, 1668.

Twelve Benchers present.

Sir Robert Atkins, K.B., Sir John Howell, Knt., M^r Prynne and M^r Goddard, are appointed a Committee to attend the King in answer to his letter sent to the Bench on behalf of Sir Thomas Beverley, Knt., one of the Masters of Requests. The Keeper of the Black Book shall furnish them with an account of all Orders made concerning Sir Thomas.†

"It is at this Councell declared to be the ancient Orders of this House (although for some late yeares past it hath not bin put in practice) that all Baristers should keepe such moots and bolts, wherwith they shall be charged, untill they be coated‡ of the Bench." p. 16.

"Order'd upon the petition of Thomas Jones, Esq^r, an Utter Barister of Gray's Inne, and upon the reading of a certificate to the said petition annext,—that the said M^r Jones be admitted a Fellow of this Society, and have an allowance here of his time and exercises performed in Gray's Inne."

Accounts of Edward Rich, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Feb. 12th, 1667, to Nov. 26th, 1668.

Receipts: £2,204 11s. 9d. Including £537 6s. 8d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £318 19s. from the Preacher's Roll; £3 6s. 8d. from M^r Clarke, Principal of Thavies Inn, for a years rent.

Payments: £2,210 17s. 9d. Including £200 to Erasmus Moyse, due on a bond, and £8 15s. for interest thereon for 8 months and 3 weeks; £100 to M^r Robert Wilkinson, due on a

* He had served for two years.

† See Appendix, and *post*, p. 64.

‡ Meaning doubtful; most likely an obsolete form of "quoted" (see *N. E. D.*), and here equivalent to "published."

bond, and £1 12s. for interest thereon for 3 months and 10 days; £389 6s. 2d. to bricklayer; £36 to M^r Powis, Autumn Reader, 1667, and the like to M^r Goddard, Autumn Reader, 1668; £49 6s. to the executors of William Drew, freemason; £5 9s. 10d. for trees; £4 18s. to M^r Edwards, the glass painter; 2s. for "white salts" for the Bench table; £160 18s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for apparels up to All Saints, 1667, and £169 16s. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for the like up to All Saints, 1668; £16 9s. for work done in the Walks; £72 to M^r John Goodrick, the Divinity Reader, his salary for a year and a half.*

Balance due to the Treasurer: £6 6s.

1669. Officers for 1669.

Lent Reader: M^r Richard Graves.

Autumn Reader: Sir John Howell.

Treasurer: M^r Gibbon Goddard.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Thomas Manby.

Council held on February 4th, 21 Charles II, 1669.

p. 18. Eight Benchers present.

M^r George Lee, one of the Fellows, is fined £20, for neglecting to perform the office of Master of the Revels, to which he was elected last term.

p. 19. Call to the Bar:

George Lowe, Francis Hill, Robert Bewicke, George Saville, David Lloyd, George Wallis, and Richard Dereham; to be published at the next moot.

Council held on February 11th, 1669.

Nine Benchers present.

p. 20. All those called to the Bar at the last Council must before the first Council of next term give bonds to insure their performance of vacation duties and exercises; if any fail, their call shall be vacated.

"Ordered that whosoever shalbee hereafter called to the Bench do give bond of *Cl.* for keeping his Bench vacations, or else deposite in the hands of the Treasurer of this Society for the time being the sum of fifty pounds, to bee repaid upon his Reading and keeping such vacacions."

* In addition to the payment to the bricklayer, considerable sums amounting altogether to £168 3s. 6d. were paid to carpenters, plasterers, plumbers, smiths and glaziers. In the accounts for 1668-9 (*post*) similar items, including payments to bricklayers, amount to £186 7s., and in 1669-70 to £856 19s. 4d. As no new chambers were built, so far as appears from the Black and Red Books, this expenditure is difficult to explain. The new garden walls and the rebuilding of the shops by the Gate, hardly seem to account for it.

The Treasurer shall pay £12 to George Bridges and the rest *p. 21.*
of the musicians, in full satisfaction of what is due to them.

The persons who have erected houses of office and other sheds adjoining the garden wall towards Holborn, shall be warned to remove them; and the rent for the three feet of ground beyond the wall shall be demanded from those houses which were late part of the Antelope.

"Ordered that the forty shillings per annum allowed to *p. 22.*
Mr Goodrick, the Reader, for beginning the Psalme, bee continued to him."

Council held on May 11th, 1669.

Twelve Benchers present.

Mr George Lee, for his contemptuous carriage and non-payment of the fine of £20, is suspended the House, and a padlock shall be put upon his study door, until payment.

Sir John Howell is appointed Summer Reader. *p. 23.*

"Ordered that the admittance of [William] Martin, servant *p. 24.*
of Sir Justinian Lewin,* bee referred to the Quatuor of the Bench table, to bee examined and vacated; and what the said Martin paid to the late Reader† for his admittance, to bee restored by the Treasurer."

Council held on May 19th, 1669.

Eight Benchers present.

Mr Richard Stote, a Master of the Bench, must pay the £30, forfeited by him for not keeping his Bench vacations, before Friday noon. In default, he shall be suspended the House, and his chamber shall be seized.

The Treasurer shall view the sheds, etc., which have been *p. 25*
erected on the three feet of ground beyond the north wall of the garden, and also demand the rents for the same, and report.

‡ "Ordered that Mr Thompson do pay the five marks as Reader's Steward, hee not haveing declared his speciall admittance before the last Reading. Nevertheles the said speciall admittance to bee allowed him as to all other dutyes for which the same ought to bee allowed."

Council held on May 24th, 1669.

Nine Benchers present.

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Call to the Bar :

Ellis Lloyd and Richard Middleton; to be published at the next moot.

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* A Master in Chancery.

† Richard Graves.

‡ Red Book I, fo. 316.

Sir Thomas Beverley, Master of Requests, is discharged of Reading and of all fines imposed on him for not Reading; this is done in obedience to the command of the King's letter.*

p. 28. Council held on June 15th, 1669.
Nine Benchers present.

The Order made "for giving of bonds for keeping of Barristers' vacations shall extend to such onely as have no chambers in the House; and onely two shillings to bee payd for the making such bond, and no more."

fo. 29. "Ordered that M^r Treasurer do take care and cause the armes of such as have been late Readers of this Society to bee emblasoned and sett up, as those of other former Readers have been."

M^r Thomas Manby, one of the Masters of the Bench, is exempted from Reading, "upon consideracion how the said M^r Manby alreddy hath been and may bee hereafter further serviceable to the publike and this Society."

Council held on June 23rd, 1669.
Nine Benchers present.

The question of precedency between Sir Robert Atkins and Sir John Howell coming to debate, M^r Manby, the Keeper of the Black Book, is requested to search, and report at the next Council.†

fo. 30. Council held on July 1st, 1669.
Nine Benchers present.

"Upon report made by the Keeper of the Black Booke in pursuance of an Order made at the last Councell, and upon reading a former order of refference and search, and view of the entries in the said Bookes, touching the place of the Recorder of London,—The Councell are of opinion and do declare that the Recorder of London hath precedency before the Queen's Sollicitor in this House."†

fo. 31. M^r Luke Astrey, Utter Barrister, and Reader of Thaives Inn, shall have his antiquity saved and allowed him in case he perform his Reading there this next summer vacation; otherwise not.

"Upon intimacion given by one of the Masters of the Bench, and also by M^r Justice Rainsford, of some reflexion upon the Benchers of this House, publiquely at the Bar of the King's Bench at Westminster, this present terme, in matters relating to M^r George Lee, a Barrister of this House, but now suspended the Society for refusing to take upon him the office of the Master

* See Appendix.

† See *ante*, p. 61.

of the Revells the last yeere—It is Ordered that M^r Prynne, M^r Daye and M^r Powis, three of the Masters of the Bench, are desired to attend the Lord Cheif Justice of his Majestie's said Bench,* and acquaint his Lordship with the proceedings of this Bench against the said M^r Lee, and of his contemptuous words and carryage towards the Masters of the Bench and government of this House (to the ill example of others), and in order to assert the rights and priviledges of the Masters of the Bench in the government of this Society."

Call to the Bar :

At the special request of and out of respect for Sir John Howell, Serjeant elect and Summer Reader, his nephew, Neville Cradocke, although of only six and a half years standing, is called to the Bar, saving the antiquity of his ancients; to be published at the first exercise of the Reading. Not to be a precedent.

"This Counsell, taking into consideracion the many Orders that have been made for the vindicating the rights of the House to the three foot of ground behind the north side of the garden wall, and the small effect they have produced for redres of the encroachments by the tenants of the houses in Holborne, and the rents formerly paid for the said three foot of ground, by reason of the want of convenient passage to view and redres such encroachments and annoyances as are there made, have ordered, and it is ordered, that M^r Treasurer do forthwith cause a posterne to be made in some convenient place of the said garden wall, for passage to view and passe to and upon the said 3 foot of ground, and to remove such annoyances and nuisances as are or shall at any time hereafter bee found upon the same." The door shall have two locks, of which the Treasurer and the Keeper of the Black Book shall keep the respective keys.

Council held on October 27th, 1669.

fo. 32.

Eight Benchers present, including Guibon Goddard and Thomas Powys, Serjeants elect.†

M^r Luke Astree and M^r John Eldred must attend the next Council to answer for their defaults as Readers in the Inns of Chancery.

"Upon the report of one of the Masters of the Bench appointed to attend the Lord Cheif Justice Keeling in the business of M^r George Lee—It is ordered that the former Orders for

* Sir John Kelyng.

† The other Serjeants from Lincoln's Inn at this Call were Sir John Howell and William Jones.

suspending of M^r Lee of this Society and seising his chamber, bee confirmed and executed."

- fo. 33. The inhabitants of the houses in Holborn shall be admitted to compound for the arears of the rent due for the three feet of ground beyond the garden wall.

M^r Nicholas Pedley is chosen Lent Reader.

* John Mingey and Thomas Syms are admitted to the chamber in Garden Court, Garden Row, two stories high, vacant by the death of M^r Pryn,† on paying £80 each.

Council held on November 18th, 1669.
Eleven Benchers present.

- fo. 34. Call to the Bar :

Richard Spranger, Mathew Hale,‡ William Cumins, Henry Appleton, Thomas Hale,‡ and William Hancocke; to be published at the next moot.

M^r John Eldred and M^r Luke Astree are each fined five marks for default as Readers of Inns of Chancery.

Lord Chief Justice Keeling having intimated his intention of rehearing M^r George Lee's business after the end of this term, all orders relating thereto are suspended until the first Council next term.§

Call to the Bench :

M^r Robert Aldworth, M^r Robert Stewart, M^r George Bray, M^r John Clerke, M^r John Norrice, M^r George Strode, M^r Thomas Carpenter, and M^r Edward Atkins; to be published at the first part of the next moot. Each of them must deposit £50 with the Treasurer before publication, which sum shall be returned with interest, to every one who shall Read on being elected, or to the executors or administrators of any dying either before election or between election and the Reading time. In case of failure to Read if elected, the £50 shall be forfeited.

- fo. 35. Council held on November 29th, 1669.
Eleven Benchers present.

Ordered that only four (to be chosen at the next Council) be called to the Bench, and that the Order for depositing £50 be vacated.

* Red Book I, fo. 320.

† Prynne died in his chamber in Garden Court on Oct. 24, 1669, and was buried under the Chapel. He bequeathed his MSS. and certain specified books to the Inn. See *Camden Soc.*, vol. xviii (new series), p. 97.

‡ Sons of Sir Mathew, who was then C.B.E., and afterwards C.J.K.B.

§ See *ante*, pp. 62, 63, 64, 65.

* M^r William Withes, "shewing that hee is forthwith to attend the Lord Ambassador sent by his Majesty to the Republick of Venice," has license to travel for a year and to nominate a Fellow of the House to occupy his chamber.

Accounts of Guybon Goddard, Esquire, Serjeant at Law, the Treasurer, from Nov. 18th, 1668, to Nov. 29th, 1669.

Receipts: £1,206 14s. od.

Payments: £1,056 9s. 4d. Including £42 5s. for work done in the Walks; £19 5s. for gravel; £135 7s. 6d. for apparels; £42 3s. 6d. to Sir John Howell, Guybon Goddard, Thomas Powys, and William Jones, the Serjeants at Law, and for four purses; £5 3s. to M^r Dutton, the glass painter.†

Balance: £150 4s. 8d.

Officers for 1670.

1670.

Lent Reader: M^r Nicholas Pedley.

Autumn Reader: M^r John Churchill.

Treasurer: M^r Nicholas Pedley.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r John Churchill.

Council held on February 10th, 22 Charles II, 1670.

fo. 36.

Ten Benchers present.

"The Earle of Anglesey's two sonnes‡ to have leave to goe to Oxford for a yeare, discharged of all dutyes for absence."

Call to the Bench:

M^r Wolmor,§ M^r Joseph Clerke,|| M^r [Robert] Aldworth and M^r Robert Steward; to be published tomorrow, and the others next term if they accept, saving their antiquity.

M^r Francis Darrell is admitted into a whole chamber in Garden Court, Garden Row, vacant by the death of M^r Prynne, on payment of £130.

M^r William Batten, a member of this Society, is discharged of all commons and duties, and has leave to dispose of his chamber,

* Red Book I, fo. 322 (1). Thomas Belasyse, Viscount Fauconberg, Ambassador to Venice, sailed towards the end of January, 1670.

† See note, p. 62.

‡ Altham and Richard Annesley, 2nd and 3rd sons of Arthur, 1st Earl of Anglesey, were admitted on Jan. 13th, 1670.

§ The name has been altered, and is not quite certain. Apparently Mathew Wolmer is intended, who was called to the Bar June 11, 1646; Vol. II, p. 370.

|| In the previous list (p. 66) a *John* Clerke is mentioned, but not a *Joseph*. There may be a error, but as a *John* Clarke was called to the Bench on May 16th, 1671, perhaps Joseph is right. The only Joseph Clerke at this time was called to the Bar June 21, 1642; vol. II, p. 363.

in consideration "that he for severall yeares hath cast up the accounts of the House and tooke upon him the duty of an Under-Treasurer, upon promise of a gratuity from the House." His manucaptors are discharged.

Call to the Bar:

William Turner and [John] Hawles; to be published at the next moot.

fo. 37. Council held on April 28th, 1670.
Sixteen Benchers present.

Fifty pounds, the moiety of the money received for M^r Goldsmith's chamber, shall be paid to M^r Pedley, the late Reader, in lieu of a Bench chamber. He may dispose of his present whole chamber in Dial Row or dispose of it, at his pleasure.

M^r John Churchill is chosen Summer Reader.*

† M^r John Thurloe is admitted to M^r Isaac Ewre's chamber and garret in Dial Court, Dial Row, on payment of £10.

fo. 38. Council held on May 13th, 1670.
Seventeen Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed "to take an inspection what Bench chambers have beene disposed of since the King's returne otherwise then by sale."

Call to the Bar:

Thomas Glynne, John Huxley, William Lacon-Child, John Felton, George Doe, William Dobbins, John Squibb, Robert Foulkes, and Abraham Bayley; to be published at the next moot.

£200 shall be borrowed.

fo. 39. "Ordered that there be a lease lett to M^r Harris of five foote and three inches in breadth and twenty foot in length of the ground on the north side of the garden wall next Chancery Lane, and that there be reserved on the said lease the yearly rent of one shilling and six pence, payable to this House."

Joseph Stanninott, the washpot, shall have £4 a year for keeping and looking after the clock.

* A page and a half are left blank here, as though the minutes had not been fully entered up.

† Red Book I, fo. 322 (3). Thurloe was the eldest son of Cromwell's Secretary of State. The chamber was that formerly occupied by the Secretary, who is said to have died there on Feb. 21st, 1668, but inasmuch as Ewre was admitted to the chamber in June, 1661, on Thurloe's surrender (*ante*, p. 12), the statement of the death taking place there seems doubtful.

Council held on June 9th, 1670.

Sixteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that leave be graunted for Doctor Tillotson to be absent soe long as his occasions shall call him out of towne, taking care that his place be well supplied in his absence."

Upon the petition of Nicholas Smith, second Butler, and Thomas Smith, third Butler, "understanding that the Worshipfull the Bench did intend to have two shopps erected within the Backe Gate, and to lett out the ground to be built upon, and praying that they may have the building of them"—Ordered accordingly. The Treasurer shall settle the terms.

Council held on June 20th, 1670.

fo. 40.

Seventeen Benchers present.

"It is ordered that noe Barr Moote shall be brought in at a discontinued exercise, nor at any Reading." To be screened.

"That noe gentleman be called to the Barre hereafter but in Easter and Michaelmas Terme.

"That M^r Treasurer pay five pounds to M^r Ogleby, as a gratuity for one volume of his Atlas, presented to this House." *

Call to the Bench:

Sir Francis Goodrick: to be published at the exercise this night.

Council held on June 22nd, 1670.

Seventeen Benchers present, including Sir Francis Goodrick, King's Counsel.

"That M^r W^m Batten be desyred to take care of the House accounts, and to supervise all the officers and workmen belonging to the House, as he shall be desired by the Treasurer for the tyme being." His allowance to be considered.

Call to the Bar, August 5th, 1670:

fo. 41.

Samuel Grimston and John Shaw, Esquires, at the request of John Churchill, Esq., now Reader, and with the consent of Sir Thomas Beverley, M^r Pedley and M^r Manby, then present; to be published this night.

* "Africa; being an accurate description of Ægypt, Barbary, Lybia, and Billedulgerid . . . adorn'd with peculiar maps, and proper sculptures, by John Ogilby, Esq; Master of His Majestie's Revels in the Kingdom of Ireland;" London, 1670. "To the Honorable Society of Lincolns Inn, this first volume of English Atlas is humbly presented and dedicated by John Ogilby." Now in the Library.

Council held on October 27th, 1670.

Ten Benchers present.

fo. 42. "Sir John Churchill shall have the same allowance from the House for venison as hath beene formerly accustomed to have been allowed for other Readers."

"Mr Underwood, the glasier, may lett the shoppe at the Gate to any tradesman whose trade will not anoy the House or the neighbouring chambers by any noyse, or otherwise."

Upon reading Mr Robinson's petition [stationer, *margin*], and considering his service done to the Society in conveying the letters to the post-house, It is ordered that the persons who built the two new shops at the Back Gate shall be restrained from letting to any stationer or bookseller.

Council held on November 10th, 1670.

Eleven Benchers present.

fo. 43.

Call to the Bar :

[Thomas] Asgill ; to be published forthwith.

* "It is ordered that Sir Richard Browne's chamber, being a single chamber, bee not sold to Mr Amhurst, because he is a practising clarke."

Council held on November 22nd, 1670.

Thirteen Benchers present.

None shall hereafter be called to the Bar unless they shall have performed their Vacation Moots, according to the ancient usage and order. To be screened.

fo. 44.

Call to the Bench :

Mr [George] Bray ; to be published at the next moot.

"Ordered that the persons hereafter named, viz^t, George Osney, Henry Bish, John Norris, George Stroude, William Darwyn, Sir Richard Browne, Thomas Carpenter, and Edward Atkins, Esquires, bee conferred with by Mr Treasurer and Mr Day, and the first two that are in towne and will accept of it, bee called to the Bench."

Call to the Bar :

Peter Crutchfeild and William Lamberd ; "and upon payment of all duties due to the House, and (if they have noe chambers in the House) upon giving bond to Mr Treasurer for keepinge their vacation commons, they are to be published."†

* Red Book I, fo. 326.

† This seems to be the common form at this time.

On the petition of Thomas and Hephzibah Smyth, showing that they were at great charges in building the shop at the Back Gate, and that they were forbidden to let it to any stationer, which was very disadvantageous to them,—It is ordered that they may let it to a milliner, stationer, or watchmaker.

Council held on November 28th, 1670,
Eleven Benchers present.

M^r [Christopher] Howard is chosen Steward.

Call to the Bar :

fo. 45.

William Adderley and Joachim Matthews.

The Committee on the allowances to M^r Batten, the Sub-Treasurer, recommend as follows:—that for his trouble up to the present time he be allowed his commons and the duties of his chamber; and that for the future he receive from every person admitted to the House 3s. 4d., from every person admitted to a chamber 10s. and to a half chamber 10s. [*sic*], for drawing and engrossing the Treasurer's accounts and petitions to the Council to have the former allowances, and for every person called to the Bar 6s. 8d. The report is confirmed, except only as to the last item.

Accounts of Nicholas Pedley, Esquire, Treasurer, from Nov. 29th, 1669, to Nov. 30th, 1670.

Receipts: £2,075 1s. 2d. Including £776 for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £270 2s. for the Preacher's Roll.

Payments: £2,068 2s. 3d. Including £5 16s. 6d. for levelling the walks; £38 4s. 6d. to Ball, the gardener; £57 12s. 8d. to Anderton, the gardener; 13s. 4d. for "watch lights;" 2s. 6d. for coach-hire for inviting the guests on Grand Day; 20s. to Amy Josling, widow, for cleaning the Library for one year; £154 8s. 2½d. for apparels.*

Balance: £6 18s. 11d.

Officers for 1671.

1671.

Lent Reader: M^r Richard Stote.

Autumn Reader: M^r Robert Aldworth.

Treasurer: Sir John Churchill.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Nicholas Pedley.

* See note, p. 62.

fo. 46. Council held on January 26th, 22 Charles II, 1671.
Nine Benchers present.

"Upon the petition of Heph-zibah Smith, widdow and relict of Nicholas Smith, late one of the Buttlers, shewing that her husband, Nicholas Smith, held as Buttlar a shop under the said Inne in Chancery Lane, which was pulled downe by order of the said Society in the tyme of the late dreadfull fire in London; and that her said husband rebuilt the same some tyme after att his owne charge, but dyed before he reimbursed himselfe the charge by reception of the rents; and the petitioner desired some satisfaccion." Referred to a Committee.

fo. 47. Call to the Bar, March 17th, 1671:
Harrington Fountaine,* at the request of Richard Stote, Esq. now Reader, and with the consent of four Benchers then present; to be published this night.

Council held on May 16th, 1671.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:
M^r John Clarke, M^r William Darwin, M^r George Stroode and M^r Edward Atkins; to be published at the next exercise, and to have their antiquity according to their call.

fo. 48. Call to the Bar:
[Richard] Abbott, [Benjamin] Syddon, and Littleton Powys. Also Robert Stillingfleet, of five years standing in this House and five years at Furnival's Inn, having conformed to the Orders of this House and performed more than ordinary exercises; to be published upon payment of all duties.

Council held on May 23rd, 1671.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:
M^r George Stroode, M^r Thomas Carpenter, and M^r Edward Atkins; to be published tomorrow.

fo. 49. The publication to the Bench of M^r William Darwin and M^r John Clarke is suspended till further Order.

* Adm. June 30, 1666.

Council held on June 1st, 1671.

Twelve Benchers present.

The Committee as to Furnival's Inn is "not to treat for under £200 fine and 20s. increase of rent for fifty yeares."

"Itt is ordered that the antients of Thavis Inne attende this Board on Munday next, to shew cause why they doe not pay theire rent, and how long theire terme is, and that they be summoned by Mr Treasurer."

"Itt is ordered that none be called to the Barre from henceforth untill they be of full seaven yeares standing." To be screened.

Call to the Bar:

[George] Kingsmell, [Edmund] Gardner, [Henry] Searle, and [Robert] Cooke; the first two to be published next term, and the others in Michaelmas Term,

Council held on June 5th, 1671.

Eleven Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed "to inspect the bills brought in for *fo.* 50. the last Revells as to the Mr of the Revells."

"To the Hon^{ble} the M^{rs} of the Bench of the Hon^{ble} Society of Lincolne's Inne.

"The humble Petition of the Principall and Antients of Furnivall's Inne,

"Sheweth:

"That upon your Pet^{rs} exhibiteing theire humble petition to this Councell in Michaelmas Term last * for renewing their leases, you were pleased by your Order to appoint a Comittee to treat with your Pet^{rs} thereabout. But the matter not receiving soe spedy a conclusion as was expected, you have since in favor to your Pet^{rs} given the said Order severall continuances, which indulgence to your Pet^{rs} they doe with most humble thankfulnes acknowledge. And now your Pet^{rs} having notice given them of your last Order, whereby your said Comittee are directed not to grant your Pet^{rs} any longer terme then fivety yeares from henceforth, and that terme not under two hundred pounds fine and eight pounds per annum rent, your Pet^{rs} humbly conceive those terms to be too hard.

"Your Pet^{rs} therefore humbly pray that you would vouchsafe to moderate the said fine to £150 and the rent to £6 per annum, the payment whereof your Pet^{rs} are ready to make good att such tymes as you shall thinke fitt to appoynt.

"And your Pet^{rs} shall ever pray."

* This former petition was not entered in the Black Book.

On the above petition it is ordered that the fine be reduced to £150, but that the rent remain at £8; the lease for 50 years to begin at Michaelmas next.

Mr Ashton, the Keeper of the Library, is desired to deliver the keys to the Committee appointed to search the evidences of Thavies Inn.

Council held on June 27th, 1671.

Ten Benchers present.

fo. 51. The chamber of Mr [Richard] Read, a Benchers, and his son, shall be seized unless their commons and other duties be cleared by the next Council.

"Itt is ordered that Mr Reader* have the thanks of the Society, and the moneys due from the House paid to him, and likewise have a chamber."

Council held on July 4th, 1671.

Eleven Benchers present.

"It is ordered that the last Mr of the Revells be allowed £7 19s. 8d. for musick and wax lights, but not to be drawne into example for the future."

All Benchers must pay their arrears before the next Council. The names of all Fellows who are more than £20 in arrear must be presented to the Bench tomorrow.

fo. 52. "Ordered that none be called to the Barre but in open Councell in terme tyme."

Council held on July 10th, 1671.

Nine Benchers present.

"That the Cheife Butler attende Sir Thomas Escourt that he may signifie what tearmes he attended the House of Lords, that he may be considered as to his absent commons for that tyme."

The Butlers are to be allowed 6d. in the £ for collecting the arrears due to the House.

"Itt is ordered that the Order of 5th Eliz.† be revived and put in execution, with this alteration only, that the presentment of such as make defaulte of payment shall be made to the Bench or Ancients on Munday and not on Sunday dinnar; and this, with the said Order, to be screened."

* The Lent Reader apparently, Richard Stote.

† As to arrears of commons, June 24, 1563. See Vol. I, p. 339.

Council held on July 12th, 1671.

fo. 53.

Eleven Benchers present.

M^r Peter Hussey is admitted an Associate of the Bench, at the request of Robert Aldworth, Esq., Reader-elect, paying £50.

Sir John Churchill, M^r Stote, M^r Foxwist, and M^r Page are ordered to attend the Reader at the next Reading.

Council held on October 26th, 1671.

Ten Benchers present.

No married person shall henceforth be chosen as servant to this Society.

"Ordered that M^r Speak, M^r Charlton and M^r Ellyott, late Stewards to Sir John Churchill when he was Reader, doe forthwith pay him five marks apeice, being the constant due."

"Ordered that it be referred to M^r Treasurer, M^r Day, M^r Pedley and M^r Bray, or any two of them, to take care that the pinacles of the Chappell be veiued and reported, in order to the security of the House."

"Sir Francis Gooderick, being of the King's Councell, hath made his choice to Read this next Lent."

"Ordered that noe gentleman of this House that practises the law be admitted as an Associate to the Bench before he first lend £200 to the House gratis, to be repaid when he Reads."

"Ordered that Alexander Croome, one of the Porters at the Gate, have the proffitt of selling apples and other fruit under the Gate added to the imployment he hath of sweeping and cleaning the Court; and no other to sell apples or other fruit there." fo. 54.

Council held on November 21st, 1671.

Fifteen Benchers present.

Ordered "that the fine of £20 apeice be sett upon M^r Julius Glanville and M^r Alexander Roper for not Reading att the Innes of Chancery this yeare last past, and not to come into comons till they have paid the same."

"Ordered that none be hereafter admitted to the Barr that doe not att the end of every terme pay their respective dutys of the House. And this Order be screened."

Call to the Bar :

fo. 55

John Clarke, Thomas Kendall and Nathaniel Syddon.

The call of Edmund Griffith and William Phyllips is respited till the next Council, "because it doth not appeare that they have received the Sacrament."

"Ordered that M^r John Fountaine be fined twenty nobles for not executing the Master of the Revell's place."

When arrears of absent commons or other duties are compounded for, the composition must be paid before the next Council, or the same shall be void.

[A list of fines for failures of exercises; twelve at the Bar, fined 20s. each, and four under the Bar, fined 13s. 4d. each. Two of the last failures were at Lyons Inn and Staple Inn respectively.]*

fo. 56.

Council held on November 23rd, 1671.

"Itt is informed by M^r Harrison, one of the Masters of the Bench, that Sir Edwin Rich, Knight, one of the Associates of the Bench, doth intend out of his respects to this Society to place two statues of good value in the outward Walks, att his own charge, if the Masters of the Bench shall accept of it. Itt is now ordered that M^r Harrison declare to Sir Edwin Rich that they very kindly accept of his proposall, and that the thanks of this Councell be given him for the same."†

Sir Robert Atkins may for his own convenience make a door out of the bay window of his son's chamber next the Garden, into the street.

fo. 57.

A Committee is appointed to "consider about delivering declarations of ejectment to those of Thavis Inne."

The fine of £100 set upon M^r [Francis] Butler for not Reading in his turn, is reduced to £20, "in regard he fully intended and was prepared to have Read, but was prevented by the sicknesse or fire in London."

Council held on November 28th, 1671.

Ten Benchers present.

"Itt is ordered that Sir Edward Rich, Knt., late Master of the Revells, be allowed the charge of wax candles, being £7 10s."

Council held on November 29th, 1671.

Eleven Benchers present.

Ordered "that the first admission of M^r William Martyn doe stand, without any suspencion or other disallowance."‡

fo. 58.

"Wheareas this House hath run into great debts by reason of the apparrells of vacacion commons, It is therefore ordered that vacacion commons shall be att the same weekly rates with the terme, that is to say, 8s. 6d. by the weeke, as it was lately. And this Order to be screened."

* It would appear from this that the education at these Inns was in some way under the control of Lincoln's Inn at this time.

† See Appendix.

‡ See *ante*, p. 63.

Call to the Bar :

Edmund Griffith,* William Phyllips, and Daniel Gurny.

M^r Ogilby to be presented with £5 for the gift of his book.†

The Porters must prevent all persons carrying burdens from passing through the House. They must also every day in their turns sweep before the Gate as far as the S. John's Head Tavern.

A Committee is appointed to consider the question of Thavies Inn, and, if they think it advisable, to commence proceedings in ejectment.

Officers for 1672.

1672.

Lent Reader: Sir Francis Goodrick.

Autumn Reader: No Reading.

Treasurer: Sir Richard Stote.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Nicholas Pedley.

Council held on January 29th, 23rd Charles II, 1672. *fo. 59.*

Eight Benchers present.

All gentlemen having chambers "are desired to take some speedy care for the sweeping of their chimneys in their chambers, in respect of the frequent fires that have lately hapned and of the danger that might have hapned in Lincolne's Inne."

Sir John Churchill shall be allowed £50 in lieu of his Bench Chamber as Reader.

The Barristers are requested to choose four of their number, and the gentlemen under the Bar the like, to meet a Committee of the Bench in the Council Chamber, "to treat about settlement off and payment for commons, performing of exercise, taking accounts," etc.

The Treasurer and others are desired "to meet and prepare *fo. 60.*
M^r Domvill's chamber for the reception of M^r Reader's guests."
M^r Domvill shall have £10 in exchange for his chamber.

Council held on February 6th, 24 Charles II, 1672.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the money to be paid by gentlemen when they are called to the Barr, towards buying books for the Library, be paid into the Keeper of the Library's hands, and that [it be] imploied accordingly; and this Order screened."

"It is ordered that, according to the desire of the gentlemen, vacation commons be reduced to 6s. 6d. per weeke, but terme commons to continue at 8s. 6d. per weeke till further Order."

* Called *Griffin* on admission.

† See *ante*, p. 69.

Commons must be paid weekly ; the names of defaulters shall be presented to the Quatuor at the Bench table at the beginning of every week.

"That M^r Swaine receive the Sacrament before he be called to the Barre."

fo. 61. A Committee to report "what suspicious persons doe lie in this House, and who keepe families here."

Council held on February 12th, 1672.

Eleven Benchers present.

George Townesend, Esq., a Fellow of this Society, is admitted to be an Associate to the Bench, paying £20 fine only in respect of his office of one of the Prothonotaries of the Common Pleas.

Call to the Bar:

[Thomas] Swaine, "as of the last terme, but not to be published till next terme."

fo. 62. Council held on February 29th, 1672.

Nine Benchers present.

"Itt is ordered that it be referred to Sir Robert Atkyns, one of the M^{rs} of the Bench, to draw up a memoriall of the King's high favour to this Society upon this daye, in vouchsafing to dine with Sir Francis Gooderick, Reader of this Society, to the intent the same may be recorded."

"M^d that it was drawne up accordingly, and is written in the same booke wherein the King and severall of the nobilitye are admitted, being a guilt booke in which are the names of severall benefactors."

* "A Narrative of the King's Majestie's recepcion and enterteynment att Lincolne's Inne, the nyne and twentieth day of February, one thousand, six hundred, seaventy one [two]."

"Sir Francis Goodericke, Knt, one of his Ma^{tie's} learned Councell att Law, and Sollicitor Generall to his Royall Highnesse the Duke of Yorke, being Reader of this Society of Lincolne's

* A volume lettered "Admission Book &c. 1671 to 1673," and having this title, "The Admittance Booke of Lincolne's Inne, wherein his most excellent Majestie, his Royall Highnesse the Duke of Yorke, his Highnesse Prince Rupert, and many Lords and honorable Persons, have entred their names with their owne hands, the nine and twentieth day of February, Anno Dni, 1671." The contemporary binding of black morocco is elaborately tooled and gilt, having the royal arms and the initials C.R. in panels on the sides. The silver clasps and mounts are modern; London hall mark, 1866-7.

Inne for the Lent Reading in the yeare one thousand, six hundred, seaventy one [two], haveing invited the King, his Royall Highnesse and Prince Rupert, and diverse of the Nobilitie to dine in Lincolne's Inne Hall on such day of his Reading as his Ma^{tie} should make choice off, His Majestie was pleased to appoint Thursday, the nyne and twentieth of February, one thousand, six hundred, seaventy one; And accordingly, that day his Ma^{tie}, together with his said Royall Highnesse and his Highnesse Prince Rupert, being also attended by the Duke of Monmouth, the Duke of Richmond, the Earles of Manchester, Bath and Anglesey, the Lord Viscount Halifax, Lord Bishop of Ely, Lord Newport, Lord Henry Howard, and diverse others of great qualitie, came to Lincolne's Inne. His Ma^{tie} made his entrance through the Garden at the great Gate opening into Chancery Lane next Holborne,* where M^r Reader and the rest of the Benchers and Associates waited his comeing, and attended his Majestie up to the Terras Walke next the Feild, and soe through the Garden; the Trumpetts and Kettle Drums from the leads over the highest bay window, in the middle of the Garden Buildings, sounding all the while.

"And from the Garden his Ma^{tie} went to the new Councell Chamber, the Barristers and Students in their gownes standing in a rowe on each side, betweene the Garden and the Councell Chamber. After a little rest, his Ma^{tie} veiued the Chappell, returning agayne to the Councell Chamber.

"From thence, as soone his table (being placed upon the assent att the upper end of the Hall, and railed in) was furnished, his Majestie was brought into the Hall, where his Majestie sate under his Canopy of State, being served by the Reader as Sewer upon his knee, with the towell, before he did eate, his Royall Highnesse sitting att the end of the table on his right hand, and Prince Rupert att the other end. The Dukes and Lords, and other his Majestie's attendants of qualitie, after some short tyme of waiting, had leave from his Majestie to sitt downe to dinnar att tables prepared for them on each side of the Hall.

"The Reader and some of the Benchers, to witt, Sir Thomas Beverley, Master of Requests to his Majestie, Sir Robert Atkins, Knight of the Bath, all the tyme of his Majestie's dineing waiteing neere his Majestie's chaire; and foure other of the Benchers, M^r Day, M^r Pedley, M^r Stote and M^r Manby, with white staffes, waited as Controlers of the Hall to keepe good order; and above fifty of the Barristers and Students, the most parte of them

* Clearly not the Gate House, but a more northerly gate, opening direct into the Garden.

attending as waiters and carrying up his Majestie's meate, whiche was served upon the knee; the rest of the Barristers and Students waiting upon the Lords att their table. The three courses wherein were exceeding great plenty and variety of dishes, and after them a most liberall banquet was served up by the said Barristers and Students, and delivered by them upon their knees att the King's table. The Musick, consisting of his Majestie's violins, playing all the tyme of dinnar in the Gallery at the lower end of the Hall.

"Towards the end of dinnar, his Majestie, to doe a Transcendant Hono^r and Grace to this Society, and to expresse his most gracious acceptance of their humble duty and affection towards him, was pleased to comaund the Booke of Admittances to be brought to him, and with his owne hand entred his Royall Name therein, most graciously condescending to make himselfe a Member thereof, which high and extraordinary favour was instantly acknowledged by all the Members of this Society then attending on his Majestie with all possible joy, and received with the greatest and most humble expressions of gratitude, itt being an example not presided by any former King of this Realme.

"His Royall Highnesse [the Duke of York] and Prince Rupert followed this great and highest example, as also the Dukes and other Lords, who, before his Majestie's rising from dinnar, borrowed gownes of the Students, and put them on, and in those gownes waited on his Majestie, with which his Majestie was much delighted.

"And his Majestie, through his owne most obligeing favour vouchsafed to it, having made himselfe more neerely and intimately concern'd for the good of this Society, was pleased himselfe to begin a Health to the welfare thereof, and to cause itt to be pledg'd in his owne presence, immediately gave the Reader leave to drinke his Majestie's health, and to begin to his Royall Highnesse.

"Then rising from dinnar, he was agayne attended to the new Councill Chamber, where he conferr'd the hono^r of Knighthood on M^r Nicholas Pedley and M^r Richard Stote, two of the Benchers who had in their turns beene Readers of this House, as also upon M^r James Buttler, one of the Barristers, and M^r Francis Dayrell, one of the Students; that soe each degree and order of the Society might have a Signall Testimony of his Majestie's high favour.

"His Majestie, upon his departure, made large expressions of his most gracious acceptance of the enterteynment, and return'd his thanks to the Reader, and was pleased to signifie the great respect and esteeme he should ever have for the Societie.

"The Gentlemen of the Horse Guards, Yeomen of the Guard, and other inferior attendants, were bountifully enterteyned att the costs and charges also of the Reader. The Gentlemen of the Horse Guards dined in the old Councell Chamber, the Yeomen of the Guard in M^r Day's chamber, and the coachmen and lacques in the Gardiner's house, to all theire contentment.

"On Saturday following, M^r Reader, Sir Robert Attkins, Sir Nicholas Pedley and Sir Richard Stote, Benchers and Readers of Lincoln's Inne, waited on his Majestie att Whitehall, being conducted to his Majestie's presence by the Earl of Bath, and gave most humble thanks for that high and Transcendant Honour he had beene pleased to vouchsafe to this Society, which was graciously received by his Majestie, and did the said Benchers the Hono^r to Kisse his Hand."

Council held on May 9th, 1672.
Ten Benchers present.

fo. 62.

Call to the Bar :

[Robert] Holford and William Wither. Also [John] Thurloe,* on receiving the Sacrament.

"Itt is ordered that the Library lock be altered, and noe person to have any keys but the Benchers and Associates and Preacher and Chapleyne; and the second Buttler to attende theire att the usuall houres, and to have the usuall allowance for his sallerie."

M^r [Richard] Read is elected Summer Reader.

fo. 63.

"Itt is ordered that M^r Daye, Sir Nicholas Pedley, Sir Richard Stote, doe retorne theire humble thanks to M^r Justice Atkins † for the favour he hath done this Society in drawing up a memoriall of his Majesty's late favour to this Society in dining with Sir Francis Goodericke, the late Reader."

"M^d, this memoriall is entred in a guilt booke, in which the King is admitted."

"Itt is ordered that the honour Sir Francis Gooderick hath done to this Society by his last Reading, be taken into consideracion in reference to his extraordinary charge therein."

‡ Moved by Sir Francis Goodrick, and carried *nem. con.*, that the Earl of Anglesey, a Bencher of this Society, "should be

* Eldest son of Cromwell's Secretary of State.

† Sir Robert Atkins was made a judge of the Common Pleas on April 15, 1672.

‡ Red Book I, fo. 335.

dispensed with as to payment of absent commons, and that his son, the Honourable Altham Annesley, Esq^r," should be admitted into the Earl's chamber on payment of 20 nobles.

Council held on May 14th, 1672.

Ten Benchers present.

fo. 64. M^r Silverlock is fined £20 for not Reading at the Inns of Chancery at the last Reading.

* Robert Aldworth, Esq., a Bencher and late Reader, shall have the old Council chamber, in lieu of a Bench chamber. He must leave his present half chamber to the House, and shall have £10 out of the money received for it.

Council held on May 20th, 1672.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Thurloe pay his dutys and receive the Sacrament the first Sacrament Day of the next term, else his call to the Barre be discharged."

M^r Treasurer is ordered to proceed to a trial at law for the effectual recovery of Thavies Inn.

fo. 65. Council held on June 18th, 1672.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that such Attorneys and Sollicitors, as are in arreare for commons and other dutys, have notice given them that unlesse they pay theire dutys in arreare before the next Councell, that theire chambers be seised and forthwith disposed of, and they expelled from being members of this House."

fo. 66. "Ordered that Whatyoupleas Hill's petition be referred to Sir Nicholas Pedley [and others] to consider of itt, and to discourse with the gentlemen who have chambers neere the place where he intends to build, and to report next Councell."

Council held on June 19th, 1672.

Eight Benchers present.

fo. 67. "Whearas itt hath beene the usage of the Masters of the Bench of this Society, and of other Innes of Court, to conferre the degree and dignitie of Barrester att Law upon such of the Prothonotarys of the Court of Common Pleas as have beene members respectively of theire severall Houses;"—Ordered that George Townsend, Esq., one of the Prothonotaries of the said Court, a member and Associate to the Bench of this Society, be and is hereby called to the Bar, and declared to be a Barrister at Law without further publication.

"Upon the petition of Whatyoupleas Hill, shewing that he hath a small peice of ground, whereon he intends to erect a small tenement, on the backside of his house in Chancery Lane, neere Lincolne's Inne, and to build from east to west 27 foote, from north to south 12, in height one roome and a garrett over the ground roome, making no lights towards Lincolne's Inne, desireing leave of the Masters of the Bench to goe on in erecting the same:—Itt is ordered that he shall have liberty to erect the said tenement, building itt according to his petition."

"Att this Councell came Francis Clarke, Esq., Principall of Thavies Inne, with more of their Ancients and diverse other members of that Society, and presented a Peticion, which follows, in these words, viz. :—

"To the right Worshipfull, the Readers and Benchers of of the Honourable Society of Lincolne's Inne.

"The humble petition of the Principall and Ancients of Thavies Inne, on the behalfe of themselves and the rest of the said Society, sheweth :

"That your petitioners and their predecessors have for many yeares last past beene in possession, and have had and enjoyed the said messuage called Thavies Inne, under a yearly rent payable to the Honourable Society of Lincolne's Inne; your petitioners doe hereby acknowledge that the fee and inheritance of the said messuage of Thavies Inne, with the appurtenances, doth belong and apperteyne unto the said Society of Lincolne's Inne, and therefore your petitioners submitt to take a lease thereof from your Worships.

"May it therefore please your Worships to graunt your petitioners a lease of the said messuage with th'appurtenances, upon such reasonable fine and rent and under such reasonable termes as to your wonted favour to your petitioners and their Society shall seeme meet.

"And your petitioners shall pray, &c."

In consideration "that great summes of money have beene laid out in new building a great part of the said house called Thavies Inn alias Davies Inne," Ordered that a lease shall be granted for 41 years from the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary last past, at a yearly rent of £5; £20 "for an income or fine" to be first paid. "And also that the said Ancients doe first give satisfaccion to Mr Stampe for continuance and enjoyment of his new buildings, and apportioning their fine and rent upon him; and if any difference arise betweene them, then it be referred to the Masters of this Bench."

fo. 68. Council held on June 26th, 1672.
Ten Benchers present.

Attorneys suspended [*margin*]. M^r John Edwards, M^r John Daniell, M^r Samuel While and M^r William Harris shall be suspended and their chambers shut up, unless they pay their commons and duties within a week, according to former Order.

As there is no Reading this vacation, commons shall not be kept unless twenty gentlemen remain and pay their commons weekly beforehand.

"Ordered that M^r Goodrick, the Lecturer, preach the monthly sermon according to M^r Colfer's last will; and that he have liberty to preach in the morning, according to his desire."

fo. 69. M^r Foxwist's fine for not Reading shall be reduced to £10 if paid forthwith.

Council held on June 27th, 1672.
Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that Sir Francis Goodericke, M^r Day, Sir Nicholas Pedley, or any two of them, wait upon the Lord Keeper to returne an answer to a letter directed to the said Lord Keeper from the Lords of the Councell, and recomended by him to the Masters of the Bench of this Society, touching a contribucion for the redeeming of the Algier captives;* the effect of which answer to be, 1st, That wee are noe Corporacion; 2ly, That Breifs have not beene sent to this Society, or any Inns of Court; 3ly, That the greatest part of this Society, having habitacions in the country, have or shall contribute to the same there, and the other part of this Society are young gentlemen, and have only exhibitions to live upon."

fo. 70. Council held on November 7th, 1672.
Ten Benchers present.

A Committee appointed "to receive any informacion touching the cooke's imbeselling of the coales of the House."

M^r Manby is to inspect the Statute Law upon which M^r Squibb's warrant [for paving, *margin*] is grounded, and to report.†

Anderton, the gardener, to have £5 a year extra, until further Order, "in respect of the new garden."

"Ordered that Sir John Churchill have the thanks of the House for his guift of a new Dyall in the garden, which he att his owne charge hath bestowed upon this House."

fo. 71. Council held on November 8th, 1672.
Nine Benchers present.

* See *State Papers*, *passim*.

† See *post*, p. 85.

M^r Edward Bide is fined £20 for refusing to act as Master of the Revels on election.

"Ordered that the exercises of the House be carried on by an Antient and Puisne att the Bench in commons, and soe to begin in the subsequent terme where it ended the terme precedent."

"Ordered that Sir Nicholas Pedley, M^r Day, M^r Manby, and M^r Atkins, or any two of them, be a Comittee to attend the Lord Chiefe Justice of England in order to the printing of the manuscript of Edward the Second, now remaineing in the Library; and to treat with the Booksellers in relacion to the printing of the said manuscript."*

Fines for failures of exercises at moots and bolts:—Benchers, 20s.; Barristers, 13s. 4d; gentlemen under the Bar, 6s. 8d. "Provided always that this Order doe not extend to failers in tyme of Readings or att Inns of Chancery, and that the mony to be received upon such failers to be employed towards buying of bookes for the Library."

Council held on November 14th, 1672.

Nine Benchers present.

M^r Manby and M^r Strode are to advise and consider upon M^r Squibb's warrant and convictment against Hugh Pattle, the Porter. [Porter convicted for not paving. *Margin.*]†

"Ordered that all the head workmen that shall hereafter *fo. 72.* worke about this House shall att every weeke's end, or sooner, give an account to the Treasurer of all such men as worke severally with them."

Council held on November 21st, 1672.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

William Eldred and John Dorrington.

fo. 73.

M^r Tempest is allowed to compound for absent commons and other arrears of duties for £10, he having been absent beyond seas in the King's service for five years.

Council held on November 30th, 1672.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 75.

M^r Aisgill is suspended for not paying his commons and

* Probably the *Placita* for his reign, MS. CXXXVII (2). Hunter (Catalogue, p. 138.) says that this is a different MS. from that used by Serjeant Maynard for his edition of the Year Books in 1678.

† The proceedings were probably taken under Stat. 22 & 23 Car. II., cap. 17; "An Act for the better Paving and Cleansing the Streets and Sewers in and about the City of London."

duties, and for his contempt in breaking off the padlock placed on his chamber door by Order.

Sir Francis Goodrick is elected Treasurer, "itt being debated and agreed, in regard there have beene former presidents, that the Treasurership goes by presedency and not by antiquity; and this to be without prejudice to M^r Aldworth, and M^r Manby is desired to impart this to him."

All the Black Books which require it are to be rebound.

Accounts of Richard Stote, Knight, the Treasurer, from Nov. 28th, 1671, to Nov. 28th, 1672.*

Receipts: £1,419 9s. od. Including £10 from M^r William Foxwist for not Reading; £20 from M^r George Townsend for his Association to the Bench.

Payments: £1,400 16s. 9d. Including £90 to William Edwards, carpenter, and £52 to John Pearson, carpenter; £10 13s. for music in Hilary Term, and £18 13s. 4d. in Michaelmas Term; £4 18s. 10d. to Hugh Pattle for the costs of his suit; † £1 17s. 6d. for 3 halberts; £52 10s. to the "upholster" for hangings and carpets for the Council Chamber‡; £5 to M^r Ogleby for his "Africa"§; £3 5s. for putting up the arms of 5 Readers; £10 16s. 6d. to M^r Justice Atkyns, in gold, with a purse||; £223 6s. 9d. to Christopher Howard, [the Steward], for apparels.

Balance £18 3s. 1d. [sic].

1673. Officers for 1673.

Lent Reader: M^r Richard Read. No Reading.

Autumn Reader: M^r George Strode.

Treasurer: Sir Francis Goodrick.

Keeper of the Black Book: Sir Nicholas Pedley.

M^r William Page.

fo. 76.

Council held on January 28th, 24 Charles II, 1673.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Manby and M^r Atkins are to attend the Lord Chief Baron, and to inform him that M^r Berresford refuses to pay his duties in arrear, and to request permission to seize and padlock his office chamber, [called in the margin "the office of Pleas"].

* The roll is headed Nov., 24 Charles II, to Nov., 25 Charles II, which would be 1672 and 1673. A reference to the Black Book, Red Book, and Admission Register proves the error.

† See *ante*, p. 85.

‡ Doubtless for the King's reception.

§ See *ante*, p. 69.

|| Sir Robert Atkyns was appointed a Judge of the Common Pleas, April 15, 1672. He was made a Serjeant after Feb. 29.

"Whearas itt hath beene accounted the greatest respect *fo. 77.*
which this Societie can expresse to persons of greatest honour,
members of this Societie, to call them to be Masters of the Bench,
wee therefore doe nominate and declare the right honourable
Anthony, Earle of Shaftsbury, Lord High Chancellor of England,
a most honourable member of this Societie,* to be one of the
Masters of the Bench of this Societie of Lincolne's Inne, and doe
appoynt Sir Francis Gooderick, M^r Daye, Sir Nicholas Pedley
and Sir John Churchill, or any two of them, to acquaint his Lord-
shippe therewith, and humbly intreat his acceptance thereof."

Council held on January 30th, 25 Charles II, 1673.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

M^r [John] Norris, M^r John Clerke, M^r Bernard Turny,
M^r John Wyndham, M^r John Eldred, M^r Thomas Strode,
and M^r James Stedman ; the two last to be published at the
moot tomorrow, "saving seniority to the rest, if they accept of
theire Call before the second Counsell in the next terme."

Council held on February 5th, 1673.

Nine Benchers present.

M^r Arden may pay £6 in discharge of his absent commons; *fo. 78.*
"and itt is afferred† soe lowe in regard of the service performed
to the House in manageing the suite against Thavis Inne; but
this not to extend to the Preacher's Role, or any other duties."

Council held on February 7th, 1673.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that D^r Castle be presented with ten guineys for
his Lexicon in two volumns, sent and given by him to this
Society."‡

"Ordered that these two bookes be put into the Library, and
chained up."

Council held on February 12th, 1673.§

Ten Benchers present, including Sir Francis Goodrick,
Attorney General to H.R.H. James, Duke of York.

[Orders were made for the seizure and sale of the chambers *fo. 80.*

* Anthony Ashley Cooper, adm. Feb. 18, 1638.

† Assessed or fixed ; see *N. E. D.*

‡ The *Lexicon Heptaglotton* of Edmund Castell, D.D., published in 1669. See
Dict. Nat. Biog. Guineas were first coined in 1663.

§ M^r William Page's name appears at the top of this folio as Keeper of the
Black Book.

of twenty six Fellows of the Society, unless their arrears for commons, etc., were paid within eight days. The arrears amounted to over £620, the highest item being £52. In one case, where the debtor had no chamber of his own, but lodged in the chamber of his brother, who was his manucaptor, the Order was made as to the manucaptor's chamber.]

fo. 82. "Upon observacion of some disorder lately appearing in the ill management of the seates in the Chappell," a Committee is appointed "to consider how the like disorder may be prevented, and the seates better regulated for the future."

fo. 83. Council held on April 24th, 1673.
Nine Benchers present.

The Steward is to deliver to the Quatuor at dinner tomorrow a note of the names of such as were most acting in the late disorder upon him.

Call to the Bar :

Thomas Powis, William Rogers, George Briscoe and Jasper Chapman. They must receive the Sacrament in the Chapel before publication.

"Itt is ordered that for the future all gentlemen of this Society shall receive the Sacrament in the Chappell of this Society before they shalbe called to the Barr."

fo. 84. [Thirteen chambers ordered to be sold.]

Council held on April 29th, 1673.

Sir James Buttler, Knight, a Barrister of this Society, is called to be an Associate to the Bench paying £50. He has engaged "to come to the Bench when called in turne, and to Read in course."

M^r Richard Reed is fined £100 for neglecting to Read. He shall be suspended the Bench until payment.

M^r Page has not paid his fine of £100 for not Reading; he shall be suspended the Bench until payment.

M^r Manby is to be here at the Council on Thursday night to show cause why he should not Read.

fo. 85. Council held on May 1st, 1673.
Thirteen Benchers present.

The former Order made discharging M^r Manby from Reading, is to stand good.

"Itt being put to the question att this Councell whether M^r George Strode be Reader for this Societie next Autumne, there was six votes in the affirmative that he should be Reader, whereof

M^r Thomas Manby was one, and there was five in the negative, and noe more."

Council held on May 7th, 1673.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Manby att the last Councell had no rightfull vote to choose a Reader."

"Ordered and declared that the Order made 1664,* to exempt M^r Page from Reading by reason of his then sicknesse, was and is but temporary, and not totally to exempt him from Reading."

Council held on June 3rd, 1673.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered upon the question that the Order made the seaventh day of May last past, disinabling M^r Manby to give his vote for chooseing a Reader, be discharged."

Ordered that M^r George Strode was duly elected Reader on May 1st last.

Ordered that "M^r William Foxwist shalbe discharged the *fo.* 86. Bench for not Reading in his turne, and be Associated."

M^r Richard Reed the like.

M^r William Page the like.

M^r Thomas Manby requested a like Order for himself, but it was refused.

Council held on June 10th, 1673.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"The question being put whether the Order made att the last Councell for confirming M^r Manby's voice in chooseing a Reader, the voices were equall."

"Ordered that the Judges of this House be attended touching the said former Order, and settling Readings; and that Sir Nicholas Pedley, Sir Richard Stote, M^r Carpenter and M^r Atkins be desired to attende the Judges herein."

Council held on June 18th, 1673.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 87.

Call to the Bar :

Edward Webb; not to be published until next term.†

Council held on June 23rd, 1673.

Eight Benchers present.

* *Ante*, p. 40.

† His seven years were not complete until November.

Unless the trustees named in the lease of Thavies Inn do, before the first Council next term, pay the fine of £20, the arrears of rent, and the costs of the suit, and accept the lease, this House will proceed to treat with M^r Stamp for a lease to him.

fo. 88. M^r Thomas Manby is now made an Associate instead of a Bench^r, at his own request.

"Ordered that if there be any former Order made to suspend M^r Ashton, one of the Masters of the Bench, from the Bench, and itt hath not beene reversed, itt is hereby reversed and made void."*

Council held on November 5th, 1673.

Nine Benchers present.

An officer of the House is to attend the Principal of Thavies Inn, giving him until the next Council to take up the lease.

"M^r Atkins, one of the Masters of the Bench, reported to the Councell that he attended the Reader † att the last Reading, and that he discharged the office of Reader with good learning and all things becomeing him. Whereupon itt is ordered that he have the thanks of this House for the same."

M^r Robert Aldworth is chosen Treasurer for this term.

fo. 89. Council held on November 18th, 1673.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r John Clarke, M^r William Darwin, M^r Barnard Turney, M^r Thomas Lee and M^r John Eldred are fined £40 apiece for refusing to come to the Bench†. M^r John Wyndham to be spoken to.

Council held on November 25th, 1673.

Eight Benchers present.

If the Principal and Ancients of Thavies Inn do not take up their lease by the next Council, then the treaty with M^r Stampe shall be concluded, and he shall have a lease.

"Ordered that two new Common Prayer Bookes and candlestickes be bought for the Chappell."

fo. 90. "Ordered that seven of the Bench doe make a Councell."

"Ordered that none be called to the Barre but those that have theyre chambers in the House, or they that shall give security by bond to keep the vacacion commons and to doe and performe the other dutyes of the House."

"M^r [Richard] Bromley according to a former Order having been spoken withall by M^r Treasurer [Aldworth] and others of

* See *ante*, pp. 58, 60.

† George Strobe.

‡ See *ante*, pp. 72, 87.

the Bench about his undertaking for this House, 1st, to take inventories of all goods belonging to the House; 2ly, to buy all utensills for the kitchin; 3ly, to see the expence of fewell there and the rates thereof made, to see the charcoale, seacole and billettts delivered out for some time, and that the same be layd in att convenient seasons; 4ly, to looke after the weighing of the bread and the buttery expence; 5ly, termely to satisfy the Bench what pewter and other thinges be lost in the kitchin; 6ly, the like in the buttery; 7ly, to see the stores laid in for repayres, and survey the workemen, and alsoe that they doe nothing without direccion; 8ly, to pay the workemen weekly, and to keep the keyes of the storehouses; 9ly, to take an account from the Butler of all receipts of money, and to pay the officers theyre wages and other allowances; 10ly, to examine the Preacher's, Pencions, Vacacions, Fortnight's Comons, and Chimney Rolles, and to have duplicates thereof; 11ly, to examine all bills (or make out all bills) for duties, and that bonds be given upon calls to the Barre, according to Order; 12, to auditt the accounts weekly; 13, to see the sale of chambers; 14, to have the comand of all the keyes; 15, to have the use of the Councell Chamber or litle place made up in the lobby adjoyning to the Councell Chamber; 16, that all the Rolles of the House and other bookes be brought thither; —upon the report of M^r Treasurer that he will accept the same, and referre himselfe wholly to the Bench as to what he shall deserve,—It is Ordered that he be entertained and impowered to manage the above said perticulars accordingly, and the House at the yeare's end will consider him according to his merit."

M^r Samuel While, an Attorney at Law, who has been suspended and had his chamber seized for non-payment of commons and other duties, is expelled the Society.

* M^r George Townsend, an Associate of the Bench, is admitted into a whole chamber in Gate House Court, Chancery Lane Row, late M^r Roger Twisden's, without paying any fine, "in respect of the great bounty of the said M^r Townsend in setting up at his owne charge a statue in the Garden, and other kindnesses by him showne to this Society."

Council held on November 28th, 1673.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Joseph Clarke and M^r John Symons be *fo. 91.* called to the Bench, and that they have sudden notice thereof."

M^r John Clarke, M^r Bernard Turney, M^r John Windham

* Red Book I, fo. 346. The statue was of Mark Anthony; see List of Benefactors, Appendix.

and M^r John Eldred, refuse to be called to the Bench, as they will not Read. Precedents are to be searched for, to ascertain what fines or other penalties have been inflicted in the like cases.

Call to the Bar:

M^r Thomas Cox; he has promised to get a chamber in the House as soon as he can."

Council held on November 29th, 1673.

"On the petition of M^r Litleton Powys and M^r Phipps, Fellowes of this Society, sheweing that all the gentlemen who have ground chambers towards the backside of the Saint John's Head Taverne, are in great danger of haveing them robd, by reason of the lownesse and weakenesse of the windowes;" the Tresurer is requested to see to it.

"Ordered that Sir James Butler, being made the Queen's Sollicitor and of the King's Councell, be and is hereby called to the Bench, he haveing undertaken to Read and doe other excercises of the House, as other Benchers are to doe that are under Reading or have Read. And this, being in respect of his office, is not to exempt or quote any of his antients of this Society from being called to the Bench, or exclude any of the Barre from theyre excercises in respect of theyre antiquity."

Accounts of Francis Goodrick, Knight, the Treasurer, from Feb. 4th, 1673, to Oct. 23rd, 1673.*

Receipts: £1,254 14s. 9d. Including £519 13s. 4d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines.

Payments: £1,255 2s. 3d. Including £200 repaid to Owen Crofts, and £100 to William Glyn, Knight; 9s. to the porter for watching on Grand Day; 3s. 6d. for "tobaccoe"; 3s. for 6 quarts of mum;† £110 for apparels; 2s. for 4 quarts of mum; 3s. 6d. for 1 lb. of tobacco.

Balance due to the Treasurer: 7s. 6d.

1674. Officers for 1674.

Lent Reader: M^r Thomas Carpenter.

Autumn Reader: M^r Thomas Carpenter.‡

Treasurer: M^r Robert Aldworth.

Keeper of the Black Book: Sir Richard Stote.

* The heading of the roll says from Feb. 4th, 24 Charles II, which would be 1672, and make the account run for a year and more than eight months. The Admission Book shows that the period covered is as given in the text. See Goodrick's election, *ante*, p. 86.

† "A species of fat ale, brewed from wheat and bitter herbs." Scott, *Antiquary*, xi.

‡ He failed to read on both occasions; see *post*, p. 96.

Council held on January 23rd, 25 Charles II, 1674. *fo. 92.*

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that noe Benchor or any other of this Society have any of the House bread or beere, save in the Hall onely, on penalty of the Butlers loosing theyre places; and that this Order be sckreened."

Council held on January 26th, 1674.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Joseph Clarke and M^r John Simonds must give their answers whether they accept their former call to the Bench or not.* *fo. 93.*

"Ordered that Sir James Butler [and others] be desired to wayte on the Master of the Rolles†, to give him thanks for the favour of the statue he hath declared he will give the Society, and to invite him to dinner on the Grand Day."‡

Council held on February 10th, 1674.

Six Benchers present.

"M^r Deane of Canterbury's§ chamber" is to be viewed, *fo. 94.* and all necessary repairs done.

Council held on May 6th, 1674. *fo. 95.*

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that all such of this Society that for the future shall be called to the Barre have chambers in the House at the time of such their call, and that they keep, pay and performe all their vacacions and other duties and exercises of the House; and that this Order be sckreened."

Council held on May 12th, 1674.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that Sir Nicholas Pedley [and others] be a Committee to attend the Master of the Rolles and M^r Justice Windham to give them thanks for the statues by them bestowed on the garden."|| *fo. 96.*

"Ordered that M^r Manby have the thanks of the Bench given him by Sir James Butler for the bookes bestowed by him on the Benchers of this Society."

Council held on May 19th, 1674.

Ten Benchers present.

The Dean's chamber has been viewed, and found to be in great decay. It shall be forthwith amended and repaired.¶

* See *ante*, p. 67.

† Harbottle Grimstone.

‡ See p. 94.

§ D^r Tillotson was admitted Dean, Nov. 4th, 1672.

|| The statues were Julius Cæsar and Augustus. See List of Benefactors, Appendix.

¶ Dr. Tillotson's chamber; see above.

fo. 97.

Call to the Bar : William Browne.

Also John Raw ; but he is not to be published "untill that he hath first bought and be admitted into a chamber or part of a chamber in this Society."

"Ordered that M^{rs} Roundall have speedy notice and a bill of what is due to this House from her late husband ; and if shee please to pay itt, the said M^r Roundall's goods in his late chamber are presently to be delivered unto her ; but in case shee refuse to pay what is due, that then the Cheife Butler breake open the study doore, and other places in the said chamber where any of them are lockt up, and seise such goods and bookes of the said M^r Roundall's as are there, and detaine them for the use of this Society till the Counsell shall give further Order ; and Sir Richard Stote is desired to be present, and order that the said goods be rightly inventoryed. And the said chamber and study are to be forthwith cleaned for M^r Duke to come into the same."

M^r Richard Brownlow* is appointed Steward and Surveyor ; he is to perform the duties already laid down for him† ; he shall have a servant to assist him in collecting the moneys and in serving the Hall, for whom he shall be answerable, and who must be approved of by the Council ; £5 a year shall be allowed for the servant's wages, who shall have commons with the rest of the servants ; such servant to be instead of those two servants that now serve the Hall ; M^r Brownlow shall have £30 a year salary, and shall be in his old chamber with the Head Butler.‡

fo. 98.

Council held on May 26th, 1674.

Twelve Benchers present.

The Black Books and Account Books, except the two last, are to be kept in a press in the Council Chamber ; the Keeper of the Black Book or his deputy shall keep the key.

"Ordered that M^{rs} Roundell haveing had notice of the last Order, and not haveing paid the money due to the House from her husband, that his bookes be scheduled and secured."

fo. 99.

[An Order was made for the seizure and sale of the chambers of twenty gentlemen of the Society, who had not been in commons for three years last past, nor paid their duties.]

Call to the Bar :

Edward Coleman, saving the antiquity of his ancients.

fo. 100.

Council held on June 1st, 1674.

Eleven Benchers present.

* Previously called Brownley and Bromley.

† *Ante*, p. 91.

‡ He had been Chief Butler previously, see p. 44.

"Ordered that Sir Robert Holborne's armes, being a Reader of this Society, be sett in the Chappell window, according to his antiquity or seniority." *

"Ordered that M^r Day and M^r Atkins, two of the Masters of the Bench, doe attend M^r Justice Windham and M^r Justice Atkins, to acquaint them with the disobedience and refractorinesse of M^r Samuell Whyte†, one of the Fellowes of this Society, to the Orders and government of this House." fo. 101.

M^r Thomas Middleton, one of the Fellowes, must attend at the first Council next term to answer such things as shall then be objected against him. [*Margin.* "Tom of Lincoln. A bastard childe borne in his chamber, and ballads of it."]

Council held on June 25th, 1674.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Lady Kempe or her agent payeing to M^r Treasurer the money arreare and oweing by M^r Colfer's will to the House, that his receipt shall be a good discharge for so much as shall be so paid."

Two Benchers shall attend the Lord Privy Seal‡, Lord Chief Justice Hale, the Master of the Rolls§, Justice Rainsford, Justice Windham, and Justice Atkins, Trustees of this Society, to obtain their execution of the lease of Thavies Inn. fo. 102.

Council held on July 2nd, 1674.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r [John] Eldred, formerly called to the Bench, shall be published at the next moot.

Council held on July 11th, 1674.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Cove have liberty to build a house, one story high, in Lincolne's Inne Fields, neare the kitchen garden." fo. 103.

Council held on October 27th, 1674.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Day is requested "to make out a list of such of the Barresters of this House as do practice, and have noe chambers in the House; and put the same in a proper order and method with reference to the Courts and places where they practice; which is ordered to be presented to the Honorable the Judges of this House on the Grand Day, requesting them, as well in their

* He read in Lent, 1642.

† See *ante*, p. 84.

‡ The Earl of Anglesey.

§ Harbottle Grimstone.

owne Courts as by speaking to the Judges of other Courts, to use such effectual meanes that those Barresters may returne to this House, and take chambers theire, for and towards the sustentacion and honour of the House and profession of the law, as they in their wisdom shall think fitt."

* Jasper Edwards, Esq., Utter Barrister, is admitted to part of a ground chamber in Garden Court and Garden Row, now void and in the disposition of the House by the death of M^r John Harrison†, a Benchet, on payment of £70. "Which grant is made unto him in respect of his being an ancient of this House to M^r Robert Wright, who likewise petitioned at this Councell for the same parte of the said chamber."

Council held on November 3rd, 1674.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

William Cooke and John Gibbs ; Cooke shall not be published until he is admitted to a chamber and has paid the fine.

fo. 104.

Council held on November 6th, 1674.
Seven Benchers present.

M^r Carpenter, having had due notice of his election as Reader, and having neglected and refused to Read, is fined £200. Ordered further "that he be disbenchet, and not to come into Commons or the Hall till further Order, and his chamber seised to the use of the House, and a padlock to be put on his study doore."

Council held on November 20th, 1674.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : William York.

"Ordered that M^r Gudderick, [the Chaplain], is to take care of M^r Coleford's [Colfer's] affaire, and give an accompt to the Councell from time to time as there shall be occasion."

fo. 105.

Council held on November 26th, 1674.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : ——— Bening‡, at the request of the Master of the Rolls ; saving the antiquity of all others.

* Red Book I, fo. 355.

† Harrison must have been a great age ; he was admitted March 2, 1606, called to the Bar in 1613, and to the Bench in 1630.

‡ Qy., Nicholas Penning, see *post*, p. 98.

"Ordered that the Reading of M^r Reader for next Lent [Edward Atkins*] be dispenced withall till next August, and he then to Read, and not before."

Call to the Bar: William Charleton. Also Roger Twisden, having a considerable office, and desiring the favour of the Bench to be called; on giving a bond of £30 to perform his vacations.

Council held on November 28th, 1674.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Day and M^r Thomas Strode doe waite *fo.* 106. upon the Lord Cheife Justice Hale, to acquaint him with the arreares that are due to the House from M^r Thomas Hale, the said M^r Hales [*sic*] first having notice hereof."

Sir James Butler is chosen Treasurer, being one of the King's Counsel.

"Ordered that M^r Aldworth have thanks returned him by this Councell for his great care and prudence in the managery of the Treasurer's place, to the great advantage of this House, for the year last past. And which was given him accordingly."

M^r Robert Ashton is chosen Dean of the Chapel.

Accounts of Robert Aldworth, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Nov. 1st, 1673, to Nov. 28th, 1674.

Receipts: £1,678 19s. 9d. Including £904 6s. 8d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £3 6s. 8d. from Francis Clerke, Principal of Thavies Inn, for a year's rent due at Michaelmas, 1672; £5 from the same for a year's rent due at Michaelmas, 1673; £20 from the same for a fine.

Payments: £1,684 os. 1½d. Including 3s. for 1 lb. of tobacco; 1s. 8d. for 2 lbs of sugar; £207 to John Bateman due on a bond, with interest; £321 10s. to Nicholas Pedley, due on a bond, with interest; £36 to Robert Aldworth for his Reading, [Autumn, 1671]; £36 to George Strode for the like, [Autumn, 1673];

Balance due to the Treasurer: £5 os. 4½d.

Officers for 1675.

1675.

Lent Reader: M^r Edward Atkins. No Reading.

Autumn Reader: M^r Edward Atkyns.

Treasurer: Sir James Butler, K.C.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Robert Aldworth.

* Elected on Nov. 6th.

Council held on January 29th, 26 Charles II, 1675.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered, upon the speciall mocion of Sir John Churchill and request of the Master of the Rolls, that M^r Penning be at liberty in the Grand Weeke to bring his moote, if hee canne gett two of the gentlemen of the Bench to sitt." ["Done," *margin*].*

M^r George Strobe, a Bencher who has Read, and who has not had any part of a chamber nor £50 in lieu thereof, shall be paid £50.

M^r Robert Ashton, who is in the same position, shall have half a chamber granted to one of his sons.

fo. 107. Council held on February 11th, 27 Charles II, 1675.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 108. "Ordered, on the petition of some of the members of the Society of Furnivall's Inne, and on hearing of them and of the Principall and Ancients of the said House, that the elleccion of the Reader for this time doe stand confirmed; and that Sir Nicholas Pedley [and other Benchers] propound an Order and method for the eleccion of Readers there for the future."

"On the petition of M^r Cane† on the behalfe of the children of M^r Hillyard, his now wive's former husband, for the £50, residue of the £100 this House was pleased to promise him for pulling downe of the S^t John's Head Taverne in the tyme of the late fire,—It is ordered that this House will consider of payment thereof as soone as conveniently they cann."‡

Council held on April 22nd, 1675.

Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Eldred Lancelot Lee, William Heigham, and Theodorus Bathurst.

"Ordered, the [? that] five Benchers make a Councell."

fo. 109. "Ordered that none be buried under the Chappell of this House but only such as att such tyme of their deceases have chambers in the House and have beene usually in commons; and not to be done without leave of the Bench in terme time, and of such of the Bench as are in the town in the vacacion time."§

Ordered, upon the petition of several of the housekeepers in Chancery Lane, over against the Garden, and near the house of

* See *ante*, p. 96.

† Or *Cane*.

‡ See *ante*, pp. 52, 54.

§ The last paragraph is interlined, and very difficult to read.

M^r Thomas Harris there, formerly called "The Castle," that unless M^r Harris by the next Council removes Thomas White, his tenant in part of the said house, where he carries on the trade of a smith to the great annoyance of the neighbours and of the Garden, or else agrees to pay to the Society a yearly rent of £9 (being the rent that White pays him), then the wall shall be pulled down, so far as it is built upon the Society's ground.*

"For as much as Sir Edwin Rich, Knight, one of the Associates to the Bench of this House, hath been a member of this Society for above sixty three yeares last past, and an Associate about forty yeares, and hath not only beene constantly resident and in commons in this House, and likely soe to continue, but a great benefactor to the same;† and doth alsoe very well knowe the customes and government thereof, being about eighty yeares of age, and by his constant residency and good example may be of great advantage and use to this House in being made and chosen one of the Benchers thereof; and it is conceived by this Councell that they are bound for the honour of the Society to make the said Sir Edwin Rich a Bencher, as a testimony of their gratefull acknowledgement of his great respect and munificence expressed to this Society. It is thereupon ordered that the said Sir Edwyn Rich be and is hereby chosen one of the Benchers of this House, and is freed and excused from all exercises and attendances thereon."

Council held on April 27th, 1675.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that Sir James Butler, [and others], doe waite upon the Lord Cheife Justice Hale, to condole the losse of his sonn, M^r Thomas Hale, deceased, late one of the Fellows of this Society, and that they offer the attendance of the Bench att his funerall; and likewise that they offer the chamber of his said sonn to be att his Lordshipp's pleasure for any other of his sonns."

M^r Robert Ashton, one of the Masters of the Bench, is *fo. 110.* elected Keeper of the Library for the year next ensuing. Sir Nicholas Pedley, late a Bencher and Keeper of the Library, is requested to deliver up the keys.‡

Sir Edwin Rich is chosen Master of the Walks.

Whereas there have been controversies and disputes as to the election of M^r Symms as Reader of Furnival's Inn for this year,

* See *ante*. p. 68.

† See List of Benefactors, Appendix.

‡ Sir Nicholas Pedley, George Strode and Richard Stote, were called Serjeants earlier in the year between Feb. 11th and April 22nd.

which election has already been confirmed,* the following rules are now laid down for the regulation of such elections in future:—

1. No member of Furnival's Inn, either Ancients or others, shall, at the election of any Reader hereafter, subscribe for any absent member, but for himself only.

2. And that to be done only in open Hall at the time of dinner, and before grace said.

3. The election shall take place at the next dinner time after the three names for the Readers shall be sent from this House to Furnival's Inn.

4. Notice of the election shall be given in their Hall at supper time the night before, before grace said.

5. If the three names shall be received after supper and grace said, then notice shall be given at supper the next day, and the election shall take place at dinner on the day following.

6. Any thing done contrary to these rules shall be absolutely void, any former custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

fo. 111.

Council held on April 29th, 1675.

Call to the Bar : Barnard Strode.

Sir John Churchill, M^r Ashton and M^r Atkyns, are requested to give their opinions as to M^r Colfer's legacy.

M^r Maundy, the bricklayer, is to attend the next Council, to answer "for his unhandsome carriage towards one of the Masters of the Bench."

Council held on May 4th, 1675.

Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Samuel Carter, George Duke, and Thomas Shappcott.

fo. 112.

[The chambers of seven Fellows are declared to be forfeited, and ordered to be disposed of, for non-payment of commons and other duties. The chambers of other seven, whose arrears amount to £149 9s. 6d., shall also be seized and sold, unless the arrears are paid by the next Council.]

Council held on May 12th, 1675.

Seven Benchers present.

fo. 113.

M^r Maundy, the bricklayer, shall not be any more employed on the work of this House, until he apologise to M^r Thomas Strode, a Benchers.

* See *ante*, p. 98.

Council held on May 17th, 1675.

Six Benchers present.

"It is ordered,—upon the request of M^r Justice Atkyns on the behalfe of M^r Joseph Hull, who hath beene a reveller and constantly in commons, to give him an honorary call to the Barr, (hee resolveing not to practice),—that the said M^r Hull be called to the Barr," etc.

Council held on June 15th, 1675.

fo. 114.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that the thanks of this House be returned to M^r [Peter] Hussey, one of the Associates to the Bench, for the statue hee hath bestowed upon and lately caused to be erected in the Garden of this House; and that his name be entered amongst the benefactors of this Society."

* M^r Richard Reed not having paid his fine of £100 imposed upon him for not Reading; Ordered that his chamber be seized and sold for the payment thereof and other arrears.

Council held on June 23rd, 1675.

Seven Benchers present.

M^r George Masters is desired to be present at the next Council, in order to his being called to the Bench." fo. 115.

M^r Day is desired to speak with M^r Luke Astery, M^r Jasper Edwards, M^r Henry Benningfeild and M^r William Cotton, to the like effect.

Council held on October 27th, 1675.

Six Benchers present.

M^r George Masters now appeared, and "declared himselfe not provided to be a Reader; and therefore refused to come to the Bench."

"Whereas Sir James Butler reported that he attended M^r Edward Atkyns, the Reader, at the last Reading, and that hee performed the office of a Reader with good learneing and all thinges belonging thereto—It is ordered that he have the thanks of this House for the same, which was now given him accordingly."

Joseph Colfe, a cutler, petitions for leave to continue in part of M^{rs} Appleby's shop, which he now occupies by arrangement with her. The application is refused on account of the great annoyance and disturbance to the Society. He must remove in a month, and not work there in the meantime.

* Red Book I, fo. 363. William Charleton, was admitted to the chamber, Oct. 27th following, on payment of £60. *Ibid.*, fo. 364. See *ante*, p. 88.

fo. 116.

Council held on November 5th, 1675.
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bench: M^r Luke Astry. "And this not to exempt or quote any of his Ancients of this Society from being called to the Bench, or exclude any of the Barr from their exercises in respect of being called to the Barr before him, except such only as were admitted before him."

Call to the Bar: Barnard Turney.

The study of the late William Darwin, Esq., late a Barrister of this Society, is to be broken open, in order to obtain his will; at the request of the executors.

M^r Goodricke is desired "to manage and sollicit the busynesse for recovery of the charity or pious use given by the last will and testament of Henry Colfer, Esquire, late one of the Fellows of this Society; and is to be satisfied and reimbursed what money hee shall expend in and about the recovery thereof, out of the money that shall be recovered." *

Council held on November 9th, 1675.
Six Benchers present.

fo. 117.

Call to the Bench: M^r William Cotton.

"At his desire hee is not to be published till Easter terme next, hee haveing not at the present a convenient chamber befitting a Bencher, as hee alleadged."

Council held on November 15th, 1675.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

Sir Edward Rich and M^r Robert Wright; to be published at the next moot. [Clause of non-exemption, as above.]

Every gentleman in arrear for his commons one whole term, shall, as regards his call to the Bar, be postponed one term for every term in which he shall make default.

Every Fellow hereafter called to the Bar, and every gentleman hereafter admitted to the Society, shall give a bond of £40 penalty, with two sureties, to insure payment of commons and performance of vacations and exercises.

"Ordered that the former Order of Councell for restraining the Reader elect to give any entertainment the last day of the terme precedent to his Reading, be revived, and stand in force."

* On the subject of "private," as opposed to "common," solicitors, see Christian, *Hist. of Solicitors*, 81.

Council held on November 18th, 1675.

Seven Benchers present, also the following:—

The Right Hon. Arthur, Lord Privy Seale, and Earle of Anglesey, M^r Justice Rainsford, M^r Justice Windham, and M^r Justice Atkyns.

“And the said Lord Privy Seale and the said Lords the *fo. 118.*
Judges, findeing the said Society to be in great want of Benchers and Readers, and attendance at Exercises and comeing into commons and the House by those of the Barr, which is occasioned by the refusall of those to come to the Bench that are fitt for itt and are called thereunto, and by those of the Barr that keepe noe chambers and residence in the House, nor continue in commons, but practice abroad, to the great disparagment of the profession, and as well of the decay of learning therein, as of the Society itselfe : For redresse thereof, according to the ancient Orders and customes for the government of the said Society, doe all of them unanimously declare :—

“1. That if a practiceing lawyer be called to be an Associate to the Bench, it neither cann nor ought to exempt or privileged him from being after called to the Bench and to be a Reader, as if he had not beene an Associate. But for Associates that are soe made by reason of their Offices or great quallities, haveing beene formeley [*sic*] of the House, that being only an honorary call, it ought to be otherwise.

“2. And they further declare that for such persons (whose names are now presented to this Councell) as are fitt to be called to the Bench, and accordingly have beene or shall be soe called, and which thereupon shall refuse the same, they are utterly unfitt to be afterward made Associates.

“3. And they further declare that for such persons, as are or shall be called to the Bench and yett refuse, they ought to loose and forfeite their chambers, and be otherwise proceeded against as farr as may be by any of the ancient Orders and usages of the House, even to expulsion itselfe.

“4. And they further declare that for such Barristers of this House (whose names are now presented to this Councell) that doe practice and yett have noe chambers or continue in commons, as they ought to doe, that the Bench doe forthwith order them to be putt into commons, and alsoe summon them forthwith to attend the Bench to give bonds to pay their commons and performe their vaccacions, and that they with all convenient speede buy themselves chambers, and reside and practice in the House. Otherwise, in case of any defaulter, or any called to the Bench, or that shall be, which shall refuse and not conforme, as aforesaid, that their names be given to the Judges, to the end they may not practice or be

heard at the Barr or in the Circuit, nor have any other priviledges of their profession till they conforme, as aforesaid."

Call to the Bench :

M^r Samuel Eyre and M^r Giles Eyre; to be published at the next moot, saving to others their antiquity. Clause of non-exemption.

M^r William Guydott, one of the Ancient Barristers, having been formerly desired to come to the Bench, has until the first Council of next term to give a definite answer. If he accept the call, his seniority shall be saved.

Council held on November 25th, 1675.

Twelve Benchers present.

M^r Thomas Symms, having been formerly appointed Reader of Furnival's Inn, and not having given any account thereof to the Quatuor, is continued Reader of the said Inn till further Order.

fo. 119. "Upon M^r Missit, one of the Fellows of this Society, putting in a paper at this Councell to be called to the Barr, being by the Councell thought not fitt to be called,—It is ordered it be denied."

"Ordered that noe surrender of any chamber or part of a chamber be hereafter made but only by such persons who are and shall bee then personally present."

Council held on November 29th, 1675.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 120. "Ordered that the ancient way of taking the weekly accompts of the House (by the two Masters of the Bench and the two Barresters which sate upon the immediate preceding moote, upon every Saturday) be revived and put in execucion, and that they take up the said accompts every Saturday accordingly."

"Ordered that Sir James Butler, Knight, being one of the King's Councell and one of the Masters of the Bench, have thanks returned him by this Councell for his great care and prudence in the managery of the Treasurer's place, to the greate advantage of this House for the yeare last past."

1676. Officers for 1676.

Lent Reader: M^r Thomas Strode.

Autumn Reader: Sir James Butler.

Treasurer: M^r Edward Atkins.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Thomas Strode.

Council held on January 27th, 27 Charles II, 1676.
Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

M^r Robert Dormer, of nearly seven years standing; at the request of the Lord Privy Seal, [the Earl of Anglesey].

Sir Samuel Clarke, Knight,* a Barrister of this House, is called to be an Associate to the Bench, on payment of £50.

Council held on February 3rd, 28 Charles II, 1676.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: William Goldsborough.

A Committee is appointed "to attend my Lord Cheife Justice Hales to seale M^r Stampe's lease," [of Thavies Inn. *Margin.*]

M^r [William] Jackson is appointed Steward.

fo. 121.

Council held on February 10th, 1676.
Eight Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed to consider the title of the Inn "to the three foote of ground without the garden wall," and to report.

Council held on February 12th, 1676.
Six Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed "to attend my Lord Privy Seale to give my Lord Privy Seale thanks for his greate bounty to this House." †

"Ordered that noe Fellowe of this Society shall let out his chamber to any person, or suffer any other person not being a member of this Society to lodge in it, under the paine of seisure of their respective chambers for offending, as forfeited to the use of the House; and this Order to be screened, to the end all persons may take notice thereof." *fo. 122.*

Council held on February 16th, 1676.
Ten Benchers present.

M^r John Clerke's fine for not coming to the Bench is reduced to 20 marks. ‡

* One of the Masters in Chancery.

† He had presented a massive silver dish and ewer. Both are engraved with the Earl's arms, and the dish has this inscription:—"This Bason with the Ewre is Given to the Hon^{ble} Society of Lincolnes Inn by the Right Hon^{ble} Arthur, Earle of Anglesey, a Member thereof, and Lord Keeper of his Matie's Privy Seale. Febr: 2^d. 1675."

‡ See *ante*, p. 90.

Council held on April 14th, 1676.

Nine Benchers present.

M^r Goodrick is to bring in a bill of his expenses in the suit against M^r Colfer's heirs.

fo. 123.

Council held on April 20th, 1676.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Day, one of the Masters of the Bench, reports "that he attended M^r Thomas Strode, the Reader this last Lent vacation, at his Reading, and that he performed the office of a Reader with good learning and all things belonging thereto, to the honor and credit both of the House and himselfe." M^r Strode is to have all "profitts, priviledges, advantages and preheminences given him that any Reader before him ever had"; and also the thanks of the House.

"Whereas M^r William Martin,* a member of this Society, misbehaving himselfe in being a common sollicitor, and particularly solliciting a cause against this Society of Lincolne's Inn, and on the reproofe by the Maisters of the Bench given him for the same, he so misdeameaned himselfe as he gave them a further just cause of offence against him." Ordered that he be put out of commons till further Order.

Call to the Bench:

M^r William Guidott; to be published at the next moot, with his seniority saved.

M^r William Cotton, who has already been called,† shall be published at the same time. Clause of non-exemption.

Sir James Butler, K.C., Attorney General to the Queen, is chosen Autumn Reader.

Council held on April 28th, 1676.

Thirteen Benchers present.

The Treasurer is desired to commence an action, as he shall be advised, against M^r Monteath, "concerning the three foote of ground on the north side of the garden wall."

fo. 124.

M^r William Martin, acknowledging his offence, is admitted again into commons.

Council held on May 3rd, 1676.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Henry Holmes desires to be excused from being called to the Bench.

* See *ante*, p. 76.

† See *ante*, p. 102.

Call to the Bar : Robert Corbet.

Council held on May 8th, 1676.

Ten Benchers present.

M^r Corbet's call to the Bar is vacated.

Sir James Butler "is desired to withdraw his election of being Reader for the next Autumne, by reason of the greater necessity of the present repaire of the Chappell." Four Benchers are desired "to attend my Lord Chancellor,* and acquaint him therewith."

A Committee is appointed "to state the accounts of Sir Francis Goodricke, and report on just defalcations † what remains due," that it may be paid to his widow and executrix, Dame Hester Goodricke.

Council held on May 29th, 1676.

Ten Benchers present.

The Order as to the Reading is vacated.

fo. 125.

Council held on June 5th, 1676.

Ten Benchers present.

The chambers of all members of the Society who are £10 in arrear shall be forthwith padlocked.

The Treasurer shall pay Lady Goodricke £55 in full of all demands.

Ordered that Hugh Pattle, the Head Porter, shall have "the place of sitteing and selling fruit at the foregate, by the gift of the Bench," during pleasure; "and that Croome's wife have liberty till Michaelmas Terme to remove."

Three Benchers "are desired to treat with the Lady Kemp, and all persons concerned for her, about M^r Colfier's legacy; and allsoe to treat with M^r Martin, in order to bring the cause now depending in Chancery to a hearing, and to get the decree of the said Court, either amicably or otherwaies, as they shall think fit, for the payment of the said legacy."

fo. 126.

Council held on June 12th, 1676.

Ten Benchers present.

M^r Richard Berrisford's chamber shall be seized for non-payment of arrears. The Lord Chief Baron [William Montagu]

* Sir Heneage Finch, afterwards Earl of Nottingham. This is the first occasion on which notice of the postponement of a Reading is stated to have been given to the Chancellor. The reason for so doing is not very clear, as he was of the Inner Temple, and not an ex-Fellow of Lincoln's Inn.

† Deductions, see *N. E. D.*

is to be informed, and requested to appoint some other place for the Exchequer records.

[Fourteen chambers are ordered to be padlocked.]

fo. 127. Council held on June 15th, 1676.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Robert Corbet.

fo. 128. Council held on August 9th, 1676.
Seven Benchers present.

"Upon the request of the Right Honourable Arthur, Earle of Anglesey, Lord Privy Seale, and one of the Masters of the Bench of this Society, and a person that by many benefaccions hath obliged this Society, that M^r Altham Anslow [*sc.* Annesley], his second son, one of the Fellowes of this Society, might be called to the Bar"; Ordered accordingly.

"Ordered that M^r Ptolimache [Tollemache] Duke have the thanks of the Bench for the presents he hath made to this Society, being a large payer of silver candlesticks; and that his name be registred amongst the benefactors of this Society." *

Council held on October 25th, 1676.
Nine Benchers present.

Upon hearing what M^r Richard Berrisford had to say why he should not pay his arrears due to the Society—It is ordered that unless he pay all his arrears before the next Council, his chamber shall be forthwith seized and sold.

The chambers of all members who are £5 in arrear for absent commons, shall be padlocked, unless they pay within a fortnight.

fo. 129. Council held on October 30th, 1676.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Samuel Shaw, "haveing been admitted and civilly behaved himselfe seven yeares in the said Society."

M^r Asgill must show cause at the next Council why he has dug a cellar under his chamber, without leave of the Bench, and why he does not remove the earth cast out in digging the same; and also why he has broken down the wall and widened his windows without leave.

* These candlesticks, now gilt, are still used in the Chapel. They are inscribed *Ex dono Tollemach Duke, gen. 1676.*

M^r Richard Berrisford has not paid his arrears. It is therefore ordered that the Chief Butler and Porter do forthwith padlock and seize his chamber for the use of the Society; and they shall take care that no one break into or enter the said chamber without leave of the Bench. If any person shall be so hardy and adventurous as to do so, Sir James Butler, one of the Bench, who is a Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, is desired to bind over the offender to appear at the next General Sessions for Middlesex, and in the meantime to keep the peace. A copy of this Order shall be fastened on the door of the chamber.

Council held on November 2nd, 1676.

fo. 130.

Nine Benchers present.

M^r Goodricke, the Chaplain, shall have £20 towards the arrears of M^r Colfier's lecture, which sum shall be deducted when the moneys are received out of the land given by M^r Colfier for that use.

Call to the Bar : Edward Atkyns junior.

Council held on November 21st, 1676.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : George Musgrave.

"Upon the informacion of Sir Edward Rich, one of the Masters of the Bench, that he had made a condicional agreement with the Commissioners of Scotland Yard* to open a way out of Chancery Lane into Lincolne's Inne Feilds—It is ordered that the Masters of the Bench doe veiw the same on Saturday next after dinner, to see what prejudice it may be to this Society." † *fo. 131*

Council held on December 1st, 1676.

fo. 132.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Edward Strode be and heareby is appointed to solicitte for this Society against the Lady Kempe for the recovery of the annuity given to the use of this Society by M^r Colfier; and he is to make breviats of the case to attend Sir John Churchill, M^r Stedman and M^r Guidott with the present proceedings, and take their further direccion therein; and they are heareby requested from time to time to advise him therein."

* Probably the Office of Works.

† There had been a previous scheme in 1664, as to which see Appendix.

Accounts of Edward Atkins, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 10th to Nov. 29th, 1676.

Receipts: £1,068 1s. 6d. Including £3 5s. 9d. from Sir James Butler, the late Treasurer; £13 6s. 8d, from M^r John Clerke, senior, his fine for not coming to the Bench.

Payments: £1,043 6s. 3d. Including £6 to William Edwards, architect, in part payment; £49 18s. to John Longland, architect; 10s. to Sir Christopher Wren's servant; £2 10s. to Stephen Heath, the clocksmith.

Balance: £24 14s. 3d. [*sic*].

1677. Officers for 1677.

Lent Reader:

Autumn Reader: M^r James Stedman.

Treasurer: M^r Thomas Strode.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r James Stedman.

fo. 133.

Council held on January 24th, 28 Charles II, 1677.

Eleven Benchers present.

John Sawyer, carpenter, who has taken "the corner house at the east end of Lincolne's Inne Feilds," petitions for leave to convert the ground rooms into shops, according to the proposals sent by him to this Council. He has leave granted to him, "soe as he doe it in a decent manner, and without any prejudice to the Garden and Walkes of Lincolne's Inne."

fo. 134.

Gowns must be worn in Hall in vacation time at dinner and supper, on pain of paying 8s. 6d. a week for commons.

"Ordered that it be and hereby is referred to M^r Treasurer [and others] to speake with M^r Deane of Canterbury [Tillotson] touching M^r Fairefaxe's Manuscripts"; to report at the next Council.*

Council held on January 30, 29 Charles II, 1677.

Eight Benchers present.

All those in arrear for absent commons, Preacher's Roll or Chimney Money, to the amount of 40s. must pay before the next Council, or their chambers will be padlocked.

Sir James Butler [and others] are appointed a Committee

* Charles Fairfax of Lincoln's Inn and Menston, Yorkshire, died Dec. 1673. By his will, dated 1672, he bequeathed valuable MSS. to the Inn, according, as he says, to a promise made 'to my late dear friend D^r Samuel Browne, Knt., one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, . . . the said books to remain as my gift and legacy in the public library of the said House, of which I formerly had the honour to be a member.' *Dict. Nat. Biog.* Only two MSS. now in the Library can be identified as the gift of Fairfax.

"to treat with Sir Richard Ford and the Governors of the Hospitall* about the three foot of ground without the garden wall."

Council held on February 8th, 1677.

fo. 135.

Seven Benchers present.

All fines for failures of exercises must be paid before the next Council; the chambers of defaulters shall be padlocked. "The moneys thereby to be raised to be employed for and towards the beautifying of the Library and buying books to be kept therein."

"Ordered that Coll. Fairfaxe's Manuscripts be and are hereby ordered to be brought to the Bench table on Saturday next att dinner tyme, or Munday after at dinner, to be disposed of as shall be then ordered by the Quatuor."†

Council held on February 12th, 1677.

fo. 136.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that Coll. Fairfaxe his name be and is hereby to be registred amongst the benefactors of this Society."

"Ordered that the Cheife Butler doe and is hereby ordered to attend M^r Samuell Eyre, one of the Masters of the Bench, att the house of the late Lord Cheife Justice Haile, in order to receive and convey upp his legacy of bookes by him given to this Society; the said M^r Samuell Eyre being desired on the behalfe of this Society to receive and convey up to this House the said legacy."‡

Council held on February 16th, 1677.

"Ordered that M^r Astrey and M^r Samuell Eyre, two of the Masters of the Bench, be and are hereby chosen a Committee to treat with the Executors of the late Lord Cheife Justice Hale concerning the gifts given by him to this Society." fo. 137.

No one Benchers shall have power to admit any person to this Society while any Benchers are in commons. It is therefore ordered that M^r John Smythe's admittance is hereby vacated, "hee being admitted out of the Hall whilst the Masters of the Bench were in commons, and after they had refused to grant him his admittance in the Hall." His fine shall be returned to him.

* Probably S. Bartholomew's Hospital; see reference in 1664, Appendix.

† See *ante*, p. 110.

‡ Sir Matthew Hale, C.J.K.B., died on Dec. 25, 1676. The clause in his will bequeathing certain MSS. to Lincoln's Inn, and the Schedule thereof drawn up by Hale himself, are printed in full in Hunter's Catalogue.

Council held on May 8th, 1677.
Eleven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Granado Piggott, John Keene, Marmaduke Darcy and Thomas Pudsey.

fo. 138. M^r John Smyth's admittance is hereby allowed, and so much of the former Order of Feb. 16th as relates to the same is hereby annulled. But the former part of the Order is hereby confirmed.

"Ordered that a letter be sent to the widow of the late Lord Cheife Justice Hales in the name of this Societie, that her Ladip^e would be pleased to order that the bookes that his Lord^{sh} has by his will given to this Societie, may be delivered to their servant, which they have sent on purpose to see them safely brought up; and that Sir Robert Atkins the younger, a member of this Society, and neighbor to the said Lady,* be alsoe written to, and desired to wayt on the Lady Hales, and order the books, on her delivery thereof, to be sent up to this Societie."

Council held on May 15th, 1677.
Eleven Benchers present.

fo. 139. A Committe is appointed "to see what hath beene already expended and laid out in the new buildings and building of the Hall of Thavies Inne," and to consider proposals from the Ancients touching any further new buildings.

"In regard severall Barristers of this Society of antient standing have refused to come to the Bench, and considering how few there are likely to succede those that lately came upp, it is thought very expedient, and for the service of this Society, that there be but one Reading from henceforth in every yeare, and likewise but one Reader chosen in each yeare, for this Society. Which is ordered accordingly."

Council held on May 18th, 1677.

Fifteen Benchers present; including the Earl of Anglesey, Lord Privy Seal.

"The Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Privy Seale, the Lord Cheife Justice of the King's Bench,† M^r Justice Windham, M^r Justice Atkyns, and M^r Justice Jones, haveing fully heard as well Sir Humphrey Doleman and M^r John Strode, who by Order of

* Lady Hale was probably at Alderley, where Sir Mathew died; Sir Robert Atkyns lived at Sapperton. Both seats are in Gloucestershire, and some 15 miles apart.

† Sir Richard Rainsford, appointed April 12, 1676.

Councell stooode suspended this House, as severall Barristers and gentlemen of this House on their behalfe"; and on Doleman and Strode submitting themselves and promising good behaviour in future, the Order of suspension is cancelled.

Council held on May 23rd, 1677.

fo. 140.

Nine Benchers present.

The Principal and Ancients of Furnival's Inn, on their petition, have leave to assign, for any term not exceeding the remainder of their own lease, "that part of their garden next Leather Lane, extending from the end of the Chequer Stable to Brooke Garden wall, being about six score foote in length and forty two foote in bredth," for the building of new chambers for the members of their Society, and not otherwise.

The evidences of the House are to be inspected, "in order to prepare for the tryall, the next terme, for the ground without the great garden wall."

A Committee is appointed "to consider and report to the Councell what is fitt to be done about new building or repaireing of the Chappell or any part of it, and for the most speedy and cheape way."

Council held on May 28th, 1677.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Webb and M^r Lee, two of the Barristers of this Society, *fo. 141.* must attend at the first Council next term, "to shew cause why they should not pay a fyne for riseing from the Barr before grace was said."

Council held on June 15th, 1677.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the executors of the late Lord Cheife Justice Hale be and are hereby to be defended in the suite commenced in the High and Hono^{ble} Court of Chancery against them by M^r Stephens,* at the sole charge of this Society; and also that a discharge shall be given to the said executors for all such bookes as have been received by this Society."

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer pay to M^r Allen, late servant to the late Lord Cheife Justice Hale, £10, as the guift of this Society for his paynes and travell in and about the said bookes and the delivery thereof."

* Hale's eldest daughter married one Edward Stephens for her second husband. Burnet's *Life*, p. 183.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer doe with all speede, safety and beauty prepare archives* in the Library for the bookes given to this Society by the late Lord Cheife Justice Hale."

"Ordered that the picture of the late Lord Cheife Justice Hale be and is hereby to be prepared for and hung upp in the Library of this House, and that M^r Treasurer be desired to see it done." †

fo. 142. Council held on June 22nd, 1677.

Six Benchers present.

Sir John Francklyn, Knight, a Master of the Chancery and a Barrister of this Society, is called to be an Associate to the Bench, paying £50 and all arrears. ‡

The clerks or servants to Associates to the Bench called after the beginning of this term, shall not have commons with the Benchers' clerks.

fo. 143. "Ordered that M^r Goodricke have the £30 paid to him by M^r Treasurer, which was lately paid by M^r Colfer's heire, of his arrears for preaching the lecture."

fo. 144. Council held on July 6th, 1677.

Eleven Benchers present.

Sir John Thompson must forthwith cause the windows of his chamber in this House to be glazed and his chamber door to be repaired.

Sir James Butler, Knight, a Bencher, shall have 5 marks paid to him by the Treasurer out of the arrears due to the House from M^r Daston, "for soe much the said M^r Daston was to pay for being one of his Stewards att his Reading."

fo. 145. Council held on July 13th, 1677.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Order for M^r Edward Stroud's admittance into the whole chamber over the Gate, being one of the best chambers in the House, and the sayd Edward Stroude being an attorney and but of three years' standing in this House, be suspended."

Council held on August 6th, 1677.

Four Benchers present.

* Probably presses or bookcases; see *Ducange, s. v., Archivum.*

† This portrait now hangs in the Drawing Room, and is said to be by Michael Wright.

‡ His portrait hangs in the Drawing Room.

Call to the Bar: George Raynsford, at the request of his father, Lord Chief Justice Raynsford, "that was of this Society and a person that much obliged the same." Not to exempt his seniors from doing exercises.

Council held on October 30th, 1677.

fo. 146.

Ten Benchers present.

Sir James Butler, one of the Readers of this House, has elected to take £50 in lieu of a Bench chamber.

Call to the Bar: James Wittewronge, saving seniority to his seniors; not to exempt his juniors from doing exercises.*

M^r James Stedman is thanked for his Reading.†

fo. 147.

Council held on November 8th, 1677.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^{rs} Mary Bayly have liberty to build a shedd upon a peece of ground lying next Lincolne's Inne Garden wall, on entering into Turnestyle Alley, leased to her by one M^r Cooper, shee paying therefore to this House the summe of tenne groates per annum, by quarterly paiments. And that she continue the said shedd dureing the pleasure of the Bench."

Call to the Bar:

Michael Styles, and Christopher Brayne.‡

Absent commons shall be gathered every Term.

fo. 148.

The old Order for auditing the accounts of the House once a week shall be revived.

A Committee is appointed to "examine what leave or interest the Earle of Clare gave this House for useing of the common shoare§ in the Feilds, that the Lord Cheife Baron|| may have the liberty he desires of makeing from his now dwelling house of a gutter thereunto, that it may not prejudice this House in the respect of the said leave or grants from the said Earle of Clare."

Council held on November 15th, 1677.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that from henceforth noe Reader of this House have power to admit spetially any person whatsoever—a member of this Society under the degree of a Lord, except he be some forreign Minister. And that every Reader from henceforth

fo. 149.

* This clause seems to have become common form.

† See the form, *ante*, p. 106. No more Readers were appointed.

‡ Query, Christopher Bryan, adm. Feb. 11, 1662.

§ A sewer.

|| William Montagu.

to be chosen, in lieu of that priviledge, bee allowed £30 out of the Treasury of this Society. And that noe person be henceforth spetially admitted (except before excepted) but by a spetiall Order of Councell. And that if such Reader aforesaid admitt any person generally to bee a member of this Society, that the Cheife Butler receive all moneys paiable for such admittance, and account for the same to this Society."

"Ordered that M^r Charles Egerton, one of the sonnes of the Right Honorable the Earle of Bridgewater, shall be admitted a member of this Society, and have his time allowed him here for soe longe as he hath been admitted of the Middle Temple."

M^r Hill is fined £20 for refusing to act as Master of the Revels, having been duly chosen.

"Ordered that the Butler give the names at the next Councell of the respective Readers of the Innes of Chancery belonging to this House, that have been chosen for the two yeares last past, and that they give an account whether they have performed their duty there. And alsoe give the names of the severall vacation Barristers of this House that did not attend the last Reading and the Reading next before."

fo. 151.

Council held on November 22nd, 1677.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Knight and M^r Corwarden are each fined £20 for not performing their duties as Readers of the Inns of Chancery.

M^r Cage 5 marks for the like.

"Ordered that the respective vacation Barristers that have not attended in their respective vacations be and are hereby fined 40s. apeece for each vacation in which they have soe neglected to attend."

"Ordered that M^r Astrey and M^r Samuell Eyres, two of the Masters of the Bench, take an account of such of the bookes of my Lord Cheife Justice Hale as are delivered, and cause a catalogue to be made, and a writeing of an acknowledgment of the receipt of them, to which the Masters of the Bench will set their hands."

fo. 152. "Ordered, in pursuance of former Orders of Councell, that M^r Day and M^r Astry, two of the Masters of the Bench, doe prepare and make a list of the names of all such Barristers of this House as doe practice as Barristers, and have noe chambers in this House, to be presented to the Right Honorable the Lord High Chancellor* and the Lords the Judges where and before whom they respectively practise, that their Lordships would be

* Heneage Finch.

pleased to admonish them forthwith to retorne to the said House, gett chambers, and keepe in commons."

All those who have not been in commons, otherwise than at Readings, for the last twelve months, are suspended the Hall.

"Ordered that M^r Allen be permitted to repaire [to] the Library at Library hours, there to finish the copy of the Reportary of the Records of the Tower,* for the use of my Lord Chancellor."

Call to the Bar : Nicholas Pedley.

Council held on November 28th, 1677.

fo. 153.

Ten Benchers present.

M^r Robert Power, a member of the Middle Temple, is admitted a member of this Society, with his seniority. fo. 154.

M^r [William] Page, an Associate to the Bench, must show cause why he should not pay his fine of £100 for not Reading.†

Council held on December 1st, 1677.

Nine Benchers present.

Those vacation Barristers, "who have not attended and done their duties at Readings," must pay their fines. All defaulters must attend the first Council next term. [A list of 25 names follows, with fines affixed varying from £2 to £8.] fo. 155.

It now appears, from a copy of the admission, that M^r Robert Power was admitted to the Middle Temple on October 1st, 1675. fo. 156.
His time shall be allowed him in this Society from that date.

Accounts of Thomas Strode, Esquire, Serjeant at Law, the Treasurer, from Feb. 2nd to Oct. 30th, 1677.

Receipts : £964 2s. 4d. Including £50 from M^r John Jones for M^r Colfer's legacy.

Payments : £934 13s. 6d. Including £36 to himself for his Reading in Lent, 1675-6; £4 to Richard Dutton, the glass-painter; £1 16s. to Humphrey Londfoote for 12 "lether bucketts"‡; 9d. for tobacco; 2s. 1d. for sugar; 7d. for lemons and "oringes"; 8d. for lemons; £10 18s. 6d. each to Thomas Strode and John Shaw, the Serjeants at Law, including [? gloves and] purses.

Balance : £29 8s. 10d.

* There are several MSS. in the Hale Collection answering to this description.

† Page was called to the Bench in 1659, and was made an Associate in 1673, on his refusing to Read. See *ante*, p. 58.

‡ Query, fire buckets.

1678. Officers for 1678.

Treasurer : M^r James Stedman.

Keeper of the Black Book : M^r Luke Astry.

fo. 157. Council held on January 25th, 29 Charles II, 1678.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : John Strode.

George Farthing, stationer, has leave to assign his shop at the back gate of the House to a barber.

Robert Smeeton, barber, may take the shop and follow his calling there, for the remainder of the lease, if he shall so long remain unmarried and behave himself well and inoffensively ; "but he shall not hang out any pole or basins, according to the common custom of barbers."

fo. 158. "Ordered that Wednesday, after supper, being the fast day for the late King's murder, be sett apart to consider the buisnesse of repaireing the Chappell, outlyeing Barristers, and concerneing severall fines."

Council held on January 31st, 1678.

Eleven Benchers present.

fo. 159. On hearing the petition of Henry Ward, barber, the Order made at the last Council in favour of Robert Smeeton is vacated.

"Ordered that the Chappell of this Societie be repaired by voluntary contribucion, and that all persons members of this Societie promote the same."

"Ordered upon the report of seaven Masters of the Bench that the names of the severall Barristers of this House that practize in the Courts at Westminster or in the Circuits, and yet have no chambers or parts of chambers in this House, to the great decay thereof, be, in pursuance of former Orders of Councell, presented to the Lord Chiefe Justice and other Judges that were of this House, on the Grand Day, being on Saturday next ; and that their Lordshipps be desired to take such effectuall course with them that they returne to this House ; and that the Master of the Rolls [Grimston] be desired to present the same to the Right Honorable the Lord Chancelour" [Finch].

Twelve Barristers are to be sued on their bonds, in respect of the fines owing by them for failure of exercise, unless the same be paid this term.

fo. 160. Council held on February 5th, 30 Charles II, 1678.
Seven Benchers present.

All Fellows of the Society *visi in villa*, whether they have chambers in the House or not, shall be taxed 2s. 6d. a term for

the payment of the Preacher ; they must also be in commons, as those that have chambers.

All chambers that are now padlocked for various defaults, shall be forthwith seized to the use of the Society.

Council held on February 12th, 1678.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Astry and M^r Samuel Eyre, or any other *fo. 161.* of the Masters of the Bench, be desired to peruse the late Lord Chief Justice Hale his books and manuscripts, given to this Societye ; and to consider in what method and manner they shall be placed and bound, whereby they may be rendered more usefull, and be secured."

Council held on April 19th, 1678.

fo. 162.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : [Samuel] Somerford.

On the report of a Committee as to what chambers are fit to be Bench chambers, giving a list of 15 Fellows whose chambers as fit for Bench chambers,—“ It is ordered that when any of the said chambers . . . fall into the disposicion of this House, that they be disposed of to no other members of this Society but to the Benchers of the same ; and that the chambers that are Bench chambers be continued such.”

Council held on April 24th, 1678.

fo. 163.

Twelve Benchers present.

M^r Nathaniel Knight is fined £20 for not Reading at Thavies Inn last year.

Call to the Bar : George Huxley.

Council held on April 30th 1678.

Seven Benchers present.

M^r Seys is fined 20s. for breaking out a window without an Order of the Council. M^r Warburton is fined 30s. for the like, it being in the front of the House.

fo. 164.

"Ordered that the Lord Chief Justice Hales his bookes be forthwith bound and chayned ; and it is referred to M^r Astry and M^r Samuel Eyre, who putt them in order, to direct further what shall be necessary to be done concerneing them."

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer be allowed the charge of the *habeas corpus* sued out for John Golding, the head cooke, now prisoner in the Fleete."

Council held on May 6th, 1678.

Ten Benchers present.

fo. 165. "Whereas his Majestie hath bin pleased to take into his royall consideracion the greate expence of Readers in the severall Innes of Court; and, for the regulacion therof by his Lord Chancelour and Judges, hath signified his pleasure to be that no Reader, not being of his Majestie's Councell or Recorder of London, should expend above three hundred pounds, to the end the same may be reduced to a conformity therein.

"It is by a generall consent of the foure Innes of Court agreed as followeth:—

1. "That no Reader give liverye to any above the number of twoe, and those to attend his person.

2. "That no publique entertainment or excedeings be given on Munday, on which [day], and not before, the Readeing shall beginne; save onely wine and bisketts on Sunday morneing, before he goes to church.

3. "That every Readeing doe determine on the Friday next, at eleaven of the clock; and that dureing the Readeing there be but twoe Grand Dayes, unlesse when the Readeing begins before Circuitts, and not to excede twoe courses upon any Grand Day.

4. "That on other dayes no person be permitted to dine in the Hall, save onelye members of the Societie in their gownes, and then to have but one course at the Reader's table, and neither breakefast nor supper at the Reader's charge dureing the Readeing.

5. "That no wine be permitted to be brought into the Hall in bottles dureing the Readeing, nor drinkeing glasses used in the Hall, save at the Reader's table; and the Reader's sellers to be shutt when he riseth from dinner.

6. "That the exceedings in the Hall shall be such as the Benchers of the respective Houses shall direct and apoynt.

"Upon readeing the agreement aforesaid at this present Councell, It is ordered that the said agreement be made an Order of Councell, and that if any shall transgresse this Order, that the person so transgressing have no benefitt of a Reader allowed him by this Societie."

Council held on May 9th, 1678.

Six Benchers present.

Mr Hildesley is fined a mark for breaking out a door in his chamber wall, without leave. His fine would have been greater, but that it seems there was formerly a door in the same place.

The Treasurer shall pay £5 towards the enlargement of John Goulding, the head cook, out of prison.

"Ordered that a decree be endeavored to be obteyned in

Michaelmas Terme next, for setling M^r Colfer's gift to this Societie."

"Ordered that it be referred to M^r Treasurer and M^r Astry to prepare a letter or letters to such persons as shall be desired to contribute to the repayreing of the Chappell, and that a list of the names of such persons be by them brought in next Councell."

Council held on May 13th, 1678.

fo. 166.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the gardner of this Societie keepe the grasse plotts constantly cutt close in the summer tyme, and that he beginne to mowe the grasse plotts of the lower ground on Wednesday next."

Council held on May 16th, 1678.

Six Benchers present.

Sir James Butler is to have £36 for his Reading.*

Council held on June 12th, 1678.

fo. 167.

Six Benchers present.

Charles Egerton, Esq., lately admitted of this Society, shall be counted as having been admitted on April 20th, 1673, the date when he was admitted to the Inner Temple.

Council held on June 19th, 1678.

Six Benchers present.

M^r Day, a Bencher, and M^r Manby, an Associate to the Bench, who have no chambers, but lodge in their sons' chambers, and who are in arrear for the Preacher's Roll, and have several times refused to pay such arrears, are suspended the Hall until payment. fo. 168.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer pay the bookbinder for bindeing the bookes of the Lord Chiefe Justice Hale, according to the agreement with him made."

It now appears that Charles Egerton†, Esq., son of the Right Honorable the Earle of Bridgwater, was specially admitted into the Inner Temple; Ordered that he shall be specially admitted into this Society.

Council held on June 27th, 1678.

Five Benchers present.

M^r Thomas Winford, has leave to enlarge the windows of his chamber in Chapel Court, Dial Row. The plan must be approved by two Benchers.

* In Autumn, 1676.

† He was 4th son of John, 2nd Earl, grandson of Lord Chancellor Egerton.—Collins' *Peerage*, iii, 198.

Council held on July 3rd, 1678.

Six Benchers present.

fo. 169. "Ordered that M^r Treasurer pay to Thomas Greene, Chief Butler, £3 for his paynes in transcribing names out of the Bookes of Admittances, in order to the repaireing of the Chappell."

Council held on October 30th, 1678.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

John Weddall and William Seys.

Council held on November 6th, 1678.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Goodrick, [Divinity] Reader of this Society, shall be forthwith paid £30, on account of the sum of £45, due to him for preaching M^r Colfer's lecture.

The Steward presents a list of 15 gentlemen who are indebted to him for "eaten commons." *

All those who have been already complained of shall be screened ; the others must attend the Quatuor to show cause why they do not pay. In default, the manucaptors of those who have no chambers shall be summoned to the Quatuor, in like manner.

"Ordered that the executors of the late Lord Chiefe Justice Hale have a discharge for the bookes and manuscripts by him given to this Societie and by the said Society received."

Robert Smeeton, barber, petitions for leave to exercise his trade in a shop at the Back Gate of the House, "sheweing that he is now made free of the Cittye of London and Company of Barber Chyrurgions," by redemption, as appears by the certificate annexed. Referred to three Benchers to report.

fo. 170.

Council held on November 14th, 1678.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Appleton, a Barrister of this House, is fined £20 for refusing to act as Master of the Revels.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer, [and five other Benchers], and as many more of the Masters of the Bench as please, doe search this House for popish recusants, at such tyme as they shall thinke fitt." †

Council held on November 21st, 1678.

Six Benchers present.

* That is, for food actually consumed, as opposed to "absent commons," which was in the nature of a fine for not keeping commons.

† See Appendix,

Call to the Bar : Henry Watts.

"This Councell, takeing notice of the advantage accrewing to this Societie by a late search made in the chambers of this Societie, whereby severall Romish Recusants were discovered, doe order the like search to be made quarterly, or oftener, as occasion requireth."

"Forasmuch as of late it hath appeared that few or no mootes are performed by gentlemen that petition to be called to the Barr, It is ordered that no gentleman hereafter be called to the Barr unles, according to the old course and custome of this Societie, he have performed foure mootes at least. And that this Order be screened."

"There being now brought to this Councell an account of £608 10s. 7d. by the Chief Butler, which is said to be the whole debt of this Societie, £400 whereof is by bond, M^r Treasurer is desired to discharge the same as soon as may be."

John Jackler, "who officiates in the Chappell as Clarke, shall have 20s."

Call to the Bar : M^r Thomas Winforth, lately admitted, and now one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas ; he must pay the usual fees.

* M^r Playters Lucy is admitted to M^r John Thurlo's chamber in Dial Court, Chapel Row.

Council held on November 23rd, 1678.

fo. 171.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered, upon the petition of the Principall and Ancients of Furnifall's Inne, that M^r Day, M^r Atkyns and M^r Treasurer be desired to assist the said Societie, by such ways and meanes as to them shall seeme best, to discharge the said Societie from findeing two foot souldiers, which, by there petition is informed, they are required to doe."†

Council held on November 28th, 1678.

Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Joshua Lomax.

M^r Serjeant Shaw is requested to give up the keys of his

* Red Book I, fo. 383.

† This was no doubt in connection with the proposed French war. Several statutes had been passed for making special levies, 29 Car. II, cap. 1 ; 29 & 30 Car. II, cap. 1 ; &c. ; the assessment of Furnival's Inn was probably under one of these. Evelyn mentions "the new-raisd army, designed against France," encamped on Hounslow Heath in June, 1678. *Diary*, i. 497.

chamber, which now belongs to this Society on his being created Serjeant at Law.

"Ordered that M^r Goodrick, Chaplaine of this Societie, have £5 out of M^r Colfer's charitye, in lieu of the mony deducted out of his sallary towards the charges of suite, expended in recoveringe the said charitye."

"Ordered that M^r Edward Strode's bill of charges as Attorney and Solicitor for this Societie be referred to M^r Guydott and M^r Townsend . . . to report how they finde the same, and what is become of the costs recovered."

M^r Stedman is continued Treasurer until the last Council of next term.

fo. 172.

Council held on December 4th, 1678.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that two watchmen onely watch every night with the Cheife Porter of this Societie, and that they beginne their watch at tenne a'clock at night, and continue it untill 6 in the morneing the last day of January, and after that untill 5."

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer pay for the chaines and loops for the use of the Library that are unpaid for."*

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer doe conferr with the Deane of Canterbury [Tillotson], and consider whether that £5 formerly ordered to be paid to D^r Rolls out of M^r Colfer's charitye be fitt to be paid or no, in regard the said D^r is represented not to be indigent."

1679. Officers for 1679 :

Treasurer : M^r James Stedman.

Keeper of the Black Book : M^r Luke Astry.

Council held on January 29th, 30 Charles II, 1679.

Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : Peter Warburton.

M^r Lomax's call to the Bar shall be vacated unless he take the Sacrament and buy a chamber before the last Council this term.

"The Masters of the Bench of this Societie in Councell, takeing into their consideration the present sad condicion of the two Societies of the Inner and Middle Temples, occasioned by a dreadfull fire that hath bin latelye there, and that the Feast of the Purificacion doth now fall upon the Lord's Day, and for

* See *ante*, p. 119.

other reasons them moveing, doe thinke fitt and order that the said feast day shall not be solempnized in this Societie at this tyme by revelling and feasting, as formerly hath bin used."*

"Whereas his Majestie hath bin graciously pleased to direct a Commission under the Great Seale to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of this Societie, requiring and impowering them to administer the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacye to such members of this Societie as are knowne papists or suspected to be popish recusants:—It is at this Councell ordered that the said Oaths shall be tendered and administered onely to such persons as are knowne or reputed to be Roman Catholicks."†

fo. 173.

Council held on February 6th, 31 Charles II, 1679.

Seven Benchers present.

The fine of £40, imposed on M^r Thomas Lee, an ancient Barrister, for refusing to come to the Bench, is reduced to 20 marks.

Call to the Bar:

Tollemach Duke, who has been nearly seven years in this Society and was previously three years at Gray's Inn; "and it is remembered that the said M^r Duke hath bin a considerable benefactor to this Societie, and very civilly demesned himself therein."‡

The names of all gentlemen in arrear for the Preacher's Roll and Chimney Money shall be screened, and if they do not pay before Monday next their chambers shall be padlocked.

"Ordered that M^r Gibbon, one of the executors of the late Lord Chiefe Justice Hale, be paid by M^r Treasurer such charges as M^r Guydott, one of the Masters of the Bench, shall allow, in a suite in Chancerye against the said executors by one M^r Stephens, for bookes given this Societie by the said late Chiefe Justice."

Council held on February 12th, 1679.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the hatch at the buttery dore be kept shutt, and that no person but a gentleman of this Societie, or a person introduced by such gentleman, be suffered to come into the buttery; and that no breade or beere be carried out of the Hall or buttery to any chamber whatsoever, nor be delivered to any person but as aforesaid, unless to one of the Butlers of the House."

* See Strype's Stowe, B. 3, p. 276; Foss, *Judges*, vii, 42. The fire broke out on Jan. 26th, in Pump Court. Luttrell states that owing to the scarcity of water, the Thames being frozen, "the engines plaid away many barrells of beer."—*Diary*, i, 7.

† See Appendix.

‡ See *ante*, p. 108.

"Ordered that the back dore of the kitchen be forthwith locked up; and that the Chief Butler keepe the key, and see that the said dore continue locked."

Mr Treasurer and "Mr Blackbookkeeper" are continued until the end of Michaelmas Terme next.

"Ordered that Mr Joⁿ Adams, who presented a new contrived mapp of England to this Societie, have five guynyes presented to him from this Societie, or have his mapp againe, at his eleccion." *

fo. 174. Council held on May 13th, 1679. †
Seven Benchers present.

Mr Watts' order for call to the Bar is now absolutely discharged, as he has not paid his arrears.

fo. 175. Call to the Bar: John Hely.
Council held on May 20th, 1679.
Five Benchers present.

fo. 177. Call to the Bar: Sir Humphrey Doleman, Knight.

fo. 179. Council held on June 2nd, 1679.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Henry Penton.
"Ordered that henceforth noe practizeing Attorney or Solicitor of this House be called to the Barre."

Council held on July 1st, 1679.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 180. Call to the Bar: Richard Browne and Daniel Proctor.
Council held on July 9th, 1679.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:
Thomas Butler, Henry Turner, and Thomas Winford, one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas.

* The map does not appear to be now in the Library, so perhaps Adams took it back. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

† The entries prior to this Council are in the handwriting of Mr. Astry, the Black Book Keeper; the writing then changes, Mr. Astry being ill, and Mr. Stedman acting as his deputy. On June 24th, Mr. Astry makes a note of his return; and continues to make the entries himself as long as he holds the office of Black Book Keeper, *i. e.* to the end of 1680.

"Upon the affirmacion of Thomas Lee senior, Esq., one of the ancient Barristers of this Societie, that his puisnies in admission into this Societie were actuallye at the Bench of this Societie before he, the said M^r Lee, was invited or called to the Bench—It is ordered that a former Order, whereby the said M^r Lee was fined for not comeing to the Bench, be and is hereby discharged."*

Council held on October 28th, 1679.
Five Benchers present.

fo. 181.

Call to the Bar :

Robert Price, of nearly seven years' standing, "the Masters of the Bench haveing observed the constant attendance of the said M^r Price at exercises, in commons, and in the Chappell, and otherwise upon all occasions."

Council held on November 20th, 1679.
Six Benchers present.

fo. 182.

Call to the Bar : William Greenhill junior.

Council held on November 25th, 1679.
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : William Carpender.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer doe forthwith endeavour to obteyne a decree for settlement of the charitable guift by M^r Colfer to this Societie."

Council held on November 28th, 1679.
Six Benchers present.

fo. 183.

Call to the Bar : Robert Clarke.

Accounts of James Stedman, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 9th to Nov. 28th, 1679.

Receipts : £1,087 18s. 8d. Including £91 15s. 9d. balance from last year; £402 13s. 4d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £30 from William Farmerie, Principal of Thavies Inn, in full for all arrears of rent up to Michaelmas, 1678.

Payments : £1,036 3s. 0d. Including £198 to William Jackson, the Steward, for apparels; £10 17s. 8d. to Edward Atkins, Serjeant at Law, in gold and a purse.

Balance : £51 15s. 8d.

* See *ante*, p. 125.

1680. Officers for 1680.

Treasurer: M^r James Stedman.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Luke Astry.

Council held on January 28th, 31 Charles II, 1680.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 184. The consideration of "the request made on behalf of M^r Cole, a captive in Algier," is postponed.

"Upon the mocion of M^r Treasurer, It is ordered that M^r Moyne Townley, an Irish gent., first buying a chamber or giving security to the value of £50, be admitted a Fellow of this Societie."

"Ordered that the carpenter and freemason be forthwith sent for to consider what may be done to the Chappell to prevent all danger;" and five Benchers are appointed "to consider of the reparacions of the Chappell."

Council held on February 4th, 1680.

Five Benchers present.

M^r William Carpenter's order for call to the Bar is vacated.

fo. 185. "Whereas by the auntient Rules and Orders of this Societie, no woman ought to come into or have a seate in the Chapple of this Societie, yet the Chappell hath of late bin much frequented by them, to the disturbance of this Societie; And whereas the third Butler hath, contrary to his dutye, latelye admitted many women and strangers into the pewes in the middle of the said Chappell, whereby the gentlemen that are members of the Societie have bin disapointed of convenient seates; All which hath by gentlemen on the behalf of themselves and others, members of the Societie, bin represented and complayned of to the Masters of the Bench of this Societie in Councell. It is now by the said Masters ordered that the key formerly used by the said third Butler, Joseph Stannenough, in the said Chappell be delivered to Charles Bellamy, another Butler of this Societie, to be by him there used dureing the pleasure of the Masters of the Bench; and that the said Charles Bellamy, and all other officers of this Societie officiateing in the said Chapple, take care that no woman be admitted to sitt in any of the said middle pewes; and that hereafter in the said pewes, and all other parts of the said Chapple, convenient seates be preserved for the use of the members of this Societie."

Call to the Bar: Sir Richard Stephens, Knight, "haveing paid all his arreares, according to former Orders, having bin above twenty yeares of this Societie."*

* Adm. June 19, 1658.

Council held on April 30th, 1680.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 186.

Call to the Bar :

Thomas Knight and Edmund Bridges.

Another lock shall be put upon the chest of writings in the Library, and the key thereof kept by the Keeper of the Black Book, as formerly ; " and the other by the Master of the Library, as at present."

"Whereas Robert Wright, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench of this Societie, and now elected to be a Serjeant at Law, hath at this Councell made knowne that he had long before such his election contracted with and sold to William Wrenn, Esq., an Associate of this Societie, the chamber in this Societie in which he at present resides ; and that not four years since he gave a great summe of mony for the same to this Societie, and was at great expence for the repaires thereof, and hath enjoyed the same but a very short tyme ; hopeing and desireing that the Masters of the Bench will not inforce any strict rule of this Societie upon him for the forfeiture of his said chamber, but desireing the said sale to the said M^r Wren may be approved and perfected under such fine as they shall impose. The said request haveing received a large debate," it was adjourned.

Council held on May 12th, 1680.
Eight Benchers present.

fo. 187.

M^r Coward, M^r Wymondsall and M^r Millington, ancient Barristers of this Society, are to be treated with about their coming to the Bench.

Council held on May 18th, 1680.
Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Robert Clerke, a Barrister of this Societie, haveing outrageously beaten the Chief Porter, then doeing the duty of his place, be expelled out of this Societie; and that the said Porter be at libertye to take his best remedy at law for the wrong donne to him by the said M^r Clarke."

"Ordered that Sir James Butler [and others] be a Committee to receave such proposalls as shall be made by M^r Serle and M^r Clerke, concerneing Ficketts Fields, as by their petition presented at the last Counsell was desired." *

Call to the Bar : Henry Mitton.

fo. 188.

* This is the inception of the scheme which resulted in the building of New Square.

Also Francis Hawden; but he must perform two more exercises before publication.

"Ordered that no member of this Societye shall from henceforth be called to the Bench of this Societye unles he have a chamber in this Societye, or deposite into the hands of the Treasurer of this Societye the summe of £100 before he be published to the Bench."

Council held on May 24th, 1680.

Eight Benchers present.

fo. 189. "Whereas the Chappell of this Societye is at present very ruinous and decayed, and in the judgment of judicious workemen, architects and others, in a dangerous condicion, so that some of the Societye, and other persons of qualitey formerly resorting thereto, are deterred from comeing and refrayne to repayre thereunto: It is ordered that the said Chappell be with all convenient speed repaired."

Call to the Bar:

Hugh Wyndham, and Thomas Jacob.

The chambers of all Fellows of the Society who, having been specially admitted, have not been in commons for three years, shall be seized and sold.

Council held on May 26th, 1680.

Six Benchers present.

The proposal made at this Council by M^r Treasurer for the building of a Register's Office in the Base Court, is postponed.

fo. 190.

Council held on June 15th, 1680.

Six Benchers present.

The stairs into the garden, made by Sir Robert Atkyns, K.B., in accordance with an Order made on November 23rd, 1671, shall be removed by the Treasurer.*

fo. 191.

"Ordered that M^r Robert Clarke, formerly expelled this Societye, visiting each Master of the Bench, and acknowledging his offence, and desireing to be restored, be thereupon restored to be a Fellowe of this Societye."

Council held on June 26th, 1680.

Nine Benchers present, including William Coward, Esquire.†

"It is declared that it is destructive to this Societye to alter the method of payeing for vacacion commons."

* See *ante*, p. 76.

† His appointment is not recorded; this is the first Council he attended.

"It is declared that the Benchers are resolved to Reade in theire turnes when there shall be Readeings at the other Innes of Court, and that the Bencher that shall refuse so to doe shall be disbenched."

Council held on June 30th, 1680.

fo. 192.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that a true narrative of the fact of the late disorders, committed in the Hall on Munday last, be drawne up"; a Committee is appointed to see to it.*

"Sir James Butler and M^r Day, two of the Masters of the Bench, are desired to attend the Lord Privy Seale† and the Master of the Rolls,‡ and to desire theire presence, assistance and advice, for composing and setling the Orders of the House."

Council held on July 1st, 1680.

Present: Arthur, Earl of Anglesey, Lord Privy Seal; Hugh Wyndham, Knight, J.C.B.; Thomas Jones, Knight, J.K.B.; Edward Atkyns, Knight, B.E.; Job Charleton, Knight, J.C.B.; and ten Benchers.

"At this meeteing, after greate debate, nothing was concluded, but to meete againe on Tuesday, the 6th of July instant."

Council held on July 6th, 1680.

Present: as at the last Council.

"M^d that all the Barristers and gentlemen, attending this day upon the Lords the Judges, touching the matters in controversie between them and the Masters of the Bench, did acknowledge the disorders lately committed in the Hall of this Societie, upon the 28th day of June last past, is not to be justefied, and that they are sorry for the same."

Council held on October 28th, 1680.

Six Benchers present

"Ordered that no Order be hereafter granted to any member *fo. 193.* of this Societie to stay at the Universitie above one yeare."

Council held on November 11th, 1680.

Five Benchers present.

"Upon the informacion of M^r Treasurer to this Councell that one M^r John Marshall, one of the Fellowes of this Societie, hath a chamber in the Inner Temple fallen to him, and that the

* The report was not entered in the Black Book.

† Arthur Annesley, Earl of Anglesey.

‡ Sir Harbottle Grimston.

said M^r Marshall is desirous to remove to the said Societie, and desireth in order thereunto a certificate of his admittance into this Societie and his good abeareance therein: It is ordered that M^r Treasurer be desired to make such certificate, the said M^r Marshall payeing dutyes to this Society." "M^r Marshall *bene decessit.*" [*Margin.*]

Council held on November 19th, 1680.
Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

William Hastings; to be published forthwith, on payment of all arrears.

fo. 194. Council held on November 25th, 1680.
Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: John Daniell junior; not to be published until next term, when he will be of full seven years' standing. His petition for call states that he "hath bin instrumentall in preserveing this House from fire, and otherwise serviceable thereunto."

Council held on November 29th, 1680.
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Hugh Speake; to be published upon completion of his exercises and payment of all arrears.

1681. Officers for 1681.

Treasurer: M^r Luke Astry.*

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r William Guidott.

fo. 195. Council held on January 27th, 32 Charles II, 1681.
Seven Benchers present.

"Upon the mocion of M^r Astry, Treasurer of this Societie, shewing that M^r Edward Rich, one of the Masters of the Bench, hath occasion to make use of a deed by him brought in, touching Little Lincolne's Inne Feilds: Itt is ordered that the Cheife Butler attend the said M^r Rich or his Councell with the said deed, to bee perused by him or his Councell, as occasion shall require."

"Ordered that William Wymondsall, Esq., one of the Barristers of this Societie, bee called to the Bench; but, before

* His arms are the earliest in the fine series of Treasurers' arms in the East window of the Chapel. See the list up to 1822 in the 4th ed. of Lane's *Student's Guide through Lincoln's Inn*.

hee is to bee published a Bencher, hee is to buy a whole chamber in this House, or to deposite with the Treasurer thereof, for the use of the Society, the summe of £100, as a pledge for the performance of such duties and exercises as are or shalbee incumbent on him as a Bencher. But upon his buying a chamber as aforesaid, the said summe of £100 is to bee repaid unto him."

Council held on February 3rd, 33 Charles II, 1681.
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Joshua Lomax.*

fo. 196.

Council held on March 3rd, 1681.
Five Benchers present.

fo. 198.

"Upon due consideracion had of the request made to the Masters of the Bench of this Society by many worthy persons inhabiteing round about the Lower Feild belonging to this Society, comonly called Ficketts Feild, thankfully acknowledgeing the benefitt they and their families receive by the frequent use they have of the Walkes of this Societie and the freedom of the aire by the opennes of the said Feild, desireing to have the leave of this Society to lay the said Feild in good order, by raileinge in and gravelling the same; Itt is ordered that the said inhabitants have leave to lay the said Feild in good order, consulting such Masters of the Bench of this Societie as shalbee in town when the said worke shalbee begun; and this Society wilbee assistant to the said inhabitants in that soe publick and beneficiall a worke."

Council held on April 26th, 1681.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Library locke bee altered, and that new keyes be delivered to the respective Masters of the Bench and the Deane of Canterbury."

Two new locks are to be put upon the evidence chest, and the keys kept by the Master of the Library and the Black Book Keeper respectively.

Council held on May 3rd, 1681.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 199.

Call to the Bar:
Robert Ashton, and Danvers Hodges.

* Apparently the same person as was called in 1678; see *ante*, p. 124.

fo. 200.

Council held on May 19th, 1681.

Six Benchers present.

"Memorandum that M^r Shrewsbury, the Stationer, that had the printinge of the bookes made and sett forth by the late Lord Cheife Justice Hales, hath presented to this Society one of the severall sortes of the said bookes, for which he had the thankes of this House."

fo. 201.

Council held on June 7th, 1681.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that it bee referred to M^r Stedman, M^r Treasurer, and M^r Gyles Eyre, three of the Masters of the Bench, to treat with and heare such proposalls as M^r Searle and M^r Clerke shall make concerneing Fickett's Feilds."

* M^r Edward Horsman is admitted into M^r John Thurloe's "little garrett chamber in Dyall Court and Chappell Row, three storyes high," on payment of £6 13s. 4d.

fo. 205.

Council held on November 5th, 1681.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that the picture of the late Lord Cheife Justice Hale bee very well drawne, and sett upp in the Library of this Society, att the charge thereof."†

"Ordered that M^r Searle bee desired to prepare a draught of the new buildinges designed to bee erected in Little Lincolne's Inne Feilds, and to produce the same before the next Councell."

M^r Richard Berresford, M^r John Mingey, M^r Francis Hill and M^r Richard Seys, are to be treated with, about their coming to the Bench.

fo. 206.

Council held on November 12th, 1681.

Five Benchers present.

"Forasmuch as M^r John Warkhouse, one of the Fellowes of this Societye, hath for sometye discontinued the practice of an Attorney, and putt himselfe out of the Roll of Attornyes, as appeares to us by a certificat, and applyed himselfe to the study of the law, and performed all his exercises, and civilly behaved himselfe by the space of seaven yeares in this Society ;"—Ordered that he be called to the Bar.

Council held on November 28th, 1681.

Five Benchers present.

* Red Book I, fo. 394. See Vol. II, p. 425 *n*.

† See *ante*, p. 114.

Call to the Bar : Joshua Lomax.*

"Ordered that if any building bee attempted to be erected in Little Lincolnes Inne Feilds *alias* Ficketts Feilds this vacacion, Sir James Butler, and other of the Masters of the Bench who shall bee then in towne, bee desired to use all lawfull meanes to obstruct and hinder the same."

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer bee desired to give the late Lord Cheife Justice Hale's bookseller thanks for the bookes presented by him to this Societie."

"Ordered that the back doore of the old Council Chamber bee stopt upp."

Council held on December 1st, 1681.

Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : [Joseph] Tyly.

Call to the Bench : Francis Hill, Esq., to be published *fo.* 209. at the next moot. Before publication he must pay the fine of £5 formerly laid upon him for not discharging the office of Master of the Revels.†

"Forasmuch as the office of *Magister Ambulacrorum* belonging to this Society hath byn very ancient, and is now vacant, and hath byn alwayes entrusted in a Bencher or an Associate of this Society; and the Masters of the Bench haveing taken particular notice of the many good offices and kindnesses already done to this Society by George Townesend, Esq., one of the Associates to the Bench, and of his readiness still to doe the same; and for that the beauty of this House with the Walkes thereof is much seene and preserved in the well-ordering and conserveing the Walkes thereunto, which without such cheife officer may not bee soe well done;—Itt is therefore ordered that the said M^r George Townesend be and is hereby chosen *Magister Ambulacrorum*, and that the gardiner and other the officers of this House be attendant and subservient to him therein accordingly."

Accounts of Luke Astry, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 22nd, to Nov. 28th, 1681.

Receipts: £1,361 19s. 3d. Including £573 for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £6 10s. from Margaret Hardwin for a year's rent of the house in Newgate Market; £20 from the executors of Henry Colfer, Esq., on account of his bequest.

* Apparently he has been called twice already. See *ante*, pp. 124, 133.

† See *ante*, p. 116.

Payments: £1,263 11s. od. Including £200 due to Francis Lucy, Esq., on a bond, and the like sum due on another bond; £122 10s. to William Jackson, the Steward, for apparels; £2 10s. for a new lock and 12 keys for the Library door.

Balance: £98 8s. 3d.

1682. Officers for 1682.

Treasurer: M^r Luke Astry.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r William Guidott.

Council held on January 26th, 33 Charles II, 1682.

Five Benchers present.

fo. 210. "Ordered that Sir James Butler, Sir John Churchill, M^r Stedman and M^r Treasurer, . . . doe treat with the Masters of the Bench of the other Innes of Court, to know their intention concerneing the keepeing a publique Grand Day on Thursday next; * itt being the resolucion of this Councell to doe therein as the said other Innes of Court doe."

"Ordered that all the Masters of the Bench and M^r Townesend, or any two of them, whereof M^r Townesend to be one, doe treat with M^r Gillingham concerneing the bringing in the New River water into the Garden of this Society, and erecting a fountaine there."

John Polwheele, George Doe, Abraham Bayly, Nathaniel Knight, John Venables, William Dobbins and Robert Foulkes, Esquires, are fined £20 apiece for neglect of their duties, having been formerly chosen Readers for the Inns of Chancery.

Council held on February 1st, 34 Charles II, 1682.

Seven Benchers present.

fo. 211. "Ordered that Francis Hill, Esq., a Barrister of this Societie, bee published a Bencher att the next exercise."

"Ordered that three of the Masters of the Bench, whereof M^r Treasurer to bee one, doe make proposalls att the next Councell, concerneing repaireing of the Chappell."

Every gentleman who has refused to execute the office of Master of the Revels shall be fined £20.

Council held on February 9th, 1682.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that £8 be paid to the musick by the Treasurer of this Societie."

* Feb. 2nd. The Feast of the Purification, or Candlemas Day, was the day of the Post Revels in the Inn from the earliest times, on this occasion possibly a joint Revel of all the Inns was in contemplation.

Council held on February 13th, 1682.

fo. 212.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that any three of the Masters of the Bench, *fo. 213.* whereof M^r Treasurer is to be one, doe consider of a method to gather and receive the benevolence of such persons as shalbee willing to give anything considerable towards the repaires of the Chappell belonging to this Societye."

"Ordered that the matter relateing to M^r Colfer's charity bee prosecuted, in order to the getting of a decree concerneing the same next terme."

Council held on February 17th, 1682.

Seven Benchers present.

The Head Porter is to make a list of all those who have broken out any windows in their chambers within the last two years.

"Ordered that the Head Porter of this Societye doe not breake the ground under the Chappell for the interringe any gentleman, except he be a Fellowe of this Societye, and hath byn in commons within twelve moneths before his death."

"Whereas the festivall dayes in Michaelmas and Hillary Termes, formerly solempnized in this Societye, have not of late soe byn, whereby the gentlemen of this Societye are discouraged to capacitate themselves to be revellers;—The Masters of the Bench of this Society in Councell, takeing the same into consideration for the encouragement of gentlemen for the future, doe declare that such gentlemen as will fitt themselves for that exercise, and will give in their names to the Cheife Butler that they will be revellers upon occasion, and shall performe the same, shall have all priviledges and other encouragements that revellers in this Societye formerly had. And itt is ordered that this Order be twice at least skreened in the next terme."

Council held on May 11th, 1682.

fo. 214.

Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : Lewis Owen.

Also Francis Shapcote. He is not of seven years' standing, but is called as he is forthwith to go into Ireland. "Ordered that the said M^r Shapcote, before such his publicacion, doe enter into a bond to the Treasurer of this Society not to practice in England as a Barrister untill the said seaven yeares bee fully expired."

Council held on May 17th, 1682.

Six Benchers present.

M^r William Jones, upon payment of his arrears amounting to £18, shall have from the Treasurer "a certificate of the tyme of his standing in this House, and likewise of his exercises performed and civill deportment therein."

Call to the Bar: [John] Gape.

fo. 215.

Council held on May 26th, 1682.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Charles Hutton; not to be published until June 18th next or after.*

Council held on May 29th, 1682.
Eight Benchers present.

fo. 216. Call to the Bar: Marmaduke Beke. He has not performed all his exercises; this must be done before he is published.
The like as to Richard Mitton.

Council held on June 20th, 1682.
Five Benchers present.

The Treasurer shall pay William Edwards, the carpenter, £3 10s., "for setting upp the wall that now standeth in the Base Court."

"Ordered that all the Masters of the Bench, or any three of them, bee appointed a Committee to treat with M^r Searle about Ficketts Feilds."

fo. 217.

Council held on June 26th, 1682.
Five Benchers present.

[There are many Orders about this time giving leave to alter chamber windows.]

"Ordered that the Head Porter doe give notice to the severall strangers mencioned in a list now presented to this Councell (who lodge in severall chambers of this House) to leave the said chambers."

"At the request of Ellis Lloyd, Esq., a Barrister of this Societie, now made to the Masters of the Bench, in order to his buriall under the Chappell, It is ordered that liberty bee granted him to have his body interred att his death under the Chappell of this Societie, in case his friends and relacions shall desire the same."

* He was admitted June 18th, 1675.

Council held on July 1st, 1682.

Five Benchers present.

On payment of his arrears, M^r John Weaver shall have from *fo.* 218. the Treasurer "a certificate of the tyme of his standinge in this House, and likewise of his civill deportment therein, and of his exercises performed."

"Ordered that Sir James Butler be desired to waite on the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Chancellor of England* to informe him of the arrears of the Register's Office due to this House, and take his direccion therein."

Council held on July 5th, 1682.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that Henry Searle, Esq., have six assignments in the respective chambers which are to be built upon the House ground; and that the Articles concerneing the buildings in Little Lincolne's Inne Feilds, now produced, be forthwith ingrossed, and everie of the Masters of the Bench doe signe and seale the same."†

Council held on October 30th, 1682.

fo. 219.

Seven Benchers present.

"Whereas, by the ancient Orders of this Society, if any chymney bee fired, the owner thereof is to pay 40s. to the use of this House;—Itt is ordered that the gentlemen of this Society who have chambers therein be desired to take some speedy care for the sweeping of the chymneys in their respective chambers, in respect of the frequent fires that have happened, and the danger that may ensue; and this Order is to be skreened."

"Ordered that M^r Moorehouse and M^r Redman of Chitterne bee two of the parsons that shall partake of the charity of M^r Cofer's [*sic*] guift."

"Ordered that Sir James Butler and M^r Stedman bee desired to attend the Master of the Rolls,‡ and acquaint him of the arrears of the Register's Office due to this House, and take his direccion therein."

Council held on November 14th, 1682.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Order lately made concerneing the repaireing of the Chappell bee revived."

* Heneage Finch, Earl of Nottingham.

† See Appendix.

‡ Sir Harbottle Grimston.

fo. 220. All arrears due from and incumbent on the Register's Office must be paid before Friday next at noon; in default the Office shall be padlocked.

[Twenty six gentlemen were presented by the Steward as being in arrear to him; they must attend the Quatuor.]

"Ordered that all the Masters of the Bench of this Society who have not performed the office of a Reader, shall, when they enjoy any chamber in this House as a Bench chamber, give bonds respectively of the penalty of £200 to performe the office of Readers when other Innes of Court doe the same and they shalbee thereunto required. And the said bonds are to bee entred into to such of the Masters of the Bench as have already Read, in trust for the said Society."

Council held on November 21st, 1682.
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Willoughby Bradford.

fo. 221. "Ordered that the sume of £25 be paid to M^{rs} Cane, in part of the £50 formerly ordered her towards her loss by the late dreadfull fire." *

Council held on November 28th, 1682.
Seven Benchers present.

[Twelve gentlemen are fined £20 apiece for neglecting to perform their duties as Readers at the Inns of Chancery. Seven gentlemen are fined £20 apiece for neglecting to perform the duties of Master of the Revels.]

Accounts of Luke Astry, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Dec. 8th, 1681, to Nov. 28th, 1682.

Receipts: £1,642 4s. 6d. Including £740 6s. 8d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £5 from Francis Hill, Esq., for not having been Master of the Revels; £20 from M^r John Jones in part payment of Henry Colfer's annuity.

Payments: £1,442 4s. od. Including £10 for gilding the Hall; 20s. for gilding the doors of the Hall; 20s. for 4 "draughts" [? plans or drawings] for the new gate for the Garden; £132 2s. 2d. for apparels.

Balance: £200 [*sic*].

1683. Officers for 1683.

Treasurer: M^r William Guidott.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r John Eldred.

* See *ante*, pp. 52, 54, 98.

Council held on January 30th, 35 Charles II, 1683. *fo. 222.*
Five Benchers present.

"It is ordered that the Treasurer be desired to lend the Steward the summe of £10, untill his petition for releife in respect of his losse and spoyle of his meat in the late commotion be further considered."

"Ordered that Thomas Jones, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, lately made one of the King's Councill, be therfore called to the Bench, and published att the next moote." *

The gardener must not lop or prune the great elms or any *fo. 223.*
other trees in the gardens or walks without leave of three Benchers.

Council held on February 8th, 1663.
Nine Benchers present.

"Whereas severall strangers hereinafter named do lodge *fo. 224.*
in this Society, viz^t, M^r Potts in M^r Thornicroft's chamber,
M^r Guy in M^r Fellows' chamber, M^r Tremblett in M^r Procter's
chamber, and M^r Mildmay in M^r Mingaye's chamber:—It is
ordered that the said chambers be padlockt if the said strangers
respectively doe not remove within one weeke. The Head
Porter is required to give notice of this Order att the said severall
chambers, that the said strangers remove accordingly."

Council held on February 12th, 1683.
Eight Benchers present.

John Goulding, the chief cook, shall have £5 "in satisfaccion
of his losses susteyned in the late commocion."

Call to the Bar :
James Bennett and William Baber.

Council held on May 3rd, 1683. *fo. 225*
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :
Thomas Wither, and Fleetwood Dormer.

"Ordered that the Councell Chamber be decently paled in,
and that M^r Treasurer do take care therein."

"Ordered that the Chappell be repaired the next Long *fo. 226.*
Vacation, and that M^r Treasurer to forthwith prepare a booke
wherin to write the subscripcions of such persons as shall think fitt
to contribute towards the reparacion thereof."

* He took his seat at the next Council, when his name appears first on the list. On May 3rd of this year, his name comes after those of Sir James Butler and Sir John Churchill, who were already King's Counsel.

Council held on May 10th, 1683.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Edmund Pitman, "who hath performed all his exercises and behaved himselfe civilly in this Society by the space of six years or thereabouts, and in one of the Inns of Chancerye by the space of three yeares."

Also William Grey.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer do inspect the accounts of M^r Colfer's charitable gift, and report how much mony of the said gift is now in the Treasury at the next Councell, when Order shall be taken for the distribucion therof. And the Deane of Canterbury [Tillotson] is desired to declare to the Keeper of the Black Booke the names of those indigent persons, formerly recommended by him to partake of the said gift."

*"Ordered that Samuel Eyre, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, be admitted into the chamber late of Sir George Raynsford, deceased, to enjoy it as a Bench chamber; he, the said M^r Eyre, first giving a bond of £200 penalty, according to an Order in that behalfe made att a Councell held here upon the fourteenth day of November now last past. And it is ordered that the said M^r Eyre have leave to inclose a small peice of ground in the corner on the west side of the Hall, next the Buttery,es, to hold and enjoy the said peice of ground so inclosed, with the said chamber, as belonging thereunto. And it is further ordered that the said M^r Eyre have leave to alter the windows of the said chamber as he shall think fitt."

Council held on May 16th, 1683.
Eight Benchers present.

fo. 227.

Call to the Bar :

George Cartwright; he is two exercises short, and therefore shall not be published until he has performed them.

Council held on May 21st, 1683.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Joseph Newton; he is not to be published until he has completed his exercises.

* Red Book I, fo. 405.

Council held on June 13th, 1683.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

fo. 228.

John Hildesley; he is two exercises short, and therefore shall not be published until he has performed them.

Thirty-seven gentlemen are screened for non-payment of eaten commons; if not paid forthwith their chambers are to be padlocked.

"Whereas in pursuance of an Order made the fourteenth day of November now last past, requiring that all the Masters of the Bench who have not performed the office of a Reader should, when admitted to a Bench Chamber, give such bonds as therein is directed:—Luke Astry, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, did att this Councell deliver a draught of a bond and the condicion thereof; which, being read, this Councell do approve of, and allow the same to be made according to the said Order; which said writeing is left in the hands of the Keeper of the Black Booke."

Samuel Eyre, Esq., another of the Masters of the Bench, the like.

Council held on June 21st, 1683.
Eight Benchers present.

The bonds of Luke Astry and Samuel Eyre, Esquires, shall *fo. 229.* be sealed before the next Council.

Council held on June 27th, 1683.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Richard Price.

Council held on October 27th, 1683.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 230.

"Ordered that an Order made at a Councill here held the one and twentyeth day of May now last past, for the calling of M^r Joseph Newton, one of the Fellowes of this Societie, to the Barr, be vacated, because the said M^r Newton hath presumed to wear a Bar gowne and to practice as a Barrister, altho he hath not performed his Bar Moot and taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, as he ought to have done." To be screened.

M^r Millington, M^r Wymondsell and M^r Seys must attend the next Council, to show cause why they refuse to come to the Bench.

Call to the Bench:

M^r Henry Long, M^r John Duckett, and M^r Owen Wynn.

M^r Edmund Giles,* an ancient Barrister, is called to be an Associate to the Bench; he first paying thirty guineas and procuring himself to be admitted into a chamber.

The Treasurer shall provide a new gown for Hugh Pattle, the Head Porter.

Council held on November 5th, 1683.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 231. The Treasurer shall pay £2 10s. every term to M^r Samuel Gookyn, an ancient Barrister, until further Order, "for and towards his maintenance and the releife of his necessities."

Edmund Giles, Esq., in addition to paying thirty guineas, must give a bond of £100 for the payment and discharge of his duties henceforth to become due.

"Ordered that the Judges that last went the Northern Circuit be attended, and acquainted with the Order made att the last Councell concerning M^r Newton."

"M^r Richard Seys appeared, and alledged severall reasons why he desired to be excused from comeing to the Bench; which were allowed of." M^r Owen Wynn also desired to be excused, "unlesse the Councell would admitt him to be a Bencher altho he had not parte of a chamber in this House; which this Councell did not think fitt to grant."

Council held on November 12th, 1683.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

fo. 232. Anthony Upton; he must perform one more exercise before publication.

"Ordered that it be debated and setled at the next Councill what shall be taken for a complete exercise."

Thomas Winford, Esq., a Barrister of this House, and one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, is admitted an Associate to the Bench; he first paying £50 and giving a bond of £100 for the payment of all duties.

Henry Long, Esq., shall be published a Bencher at the next exercise.

"Ordered that uppon petitions for chambers in the disposicion of the House, the senior Barrister, or who was first called to the Bar, shall be preferred before such Barrister as was called to the Bar after him, altho such after-called Barrister be senior to the other as to his admission into this Society."

* Apparently the same person as the Edmund Giles called to be an Associate in 1656; see Vol. II, p. 414.

Council held on November 17th, 1683.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

fo. 233.

Henry Beddingfeild, Esq., "but without any saveing or allowance of his seniority; and the said M^r Beddingfeild is to take his place att the Bench as of this present terme, and not before. And it's further ordered that he bee published a Bencher att the next exercise." *

Call to the Bar, November 23rd, 1683: Thomas Dolman.†

Council held on November 28th, 1683.
Eleven Benchers present.

The Treasurer is desired to buy an iron chest "for to keep fo. 234. therein the monyes belonging to this Society."

Accounts of William Guidott, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Dec. 12th, 1682, to Nov. 28th, 1683.

Receipts: £1,340 16s. 2d. Including £403 13s. 4d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £1 each from Sir Thomas Estcourt, M^r Harrington Fountaine and M^r Francis Hill junior, for ground for their interments under the Chapel; £20 from the executors of Henry Colfer.

Payments: £877 3s. 7d. Including 1s. for oysters; 9s. for tobacco.

Balance: £463 12s. 7d.

Officers for 1684.

1684.

Treasurer: M^r William Guydott.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r John Eldred.

Council held on January 29th, 35 Charles II, 1684.

Eight Benchers present.

"Upon consideracion had at this Councell concerneing the keepeing of Candlemas Day next as a Grand Day, as in this Societie is usuall, it was then offered that by reason of the great and severe frost, which hath long continued,‡ provisions of all

* He was admitted in 1650, before a considerable number of the then Benchers.

† In future, when a Call to the Bar is the only matter of interest at any Council, it will be printed in this form.

‡ There is a good deal about this frost in Evelyn's *Diary*. As early as Dec. 23rd he states that the Thames was frozen; by Jan. 1st streets of booths were set upon the river. Coaches, carts and horses crossed regularly, and (under Jan. 24th) "coaches plied from Westminster to the Temple, and from several other staires, to and fro, as in the streetes." The river was still frozen on Feb. 8th, when the thaw set in.

sorts, fitt for such an entertainment, are very scarce, or not to be had; and that the Chiefe Butler of this Societie is now sicke, and not able to performe his office; and likewise that the necessities of the poore in prisons and elcewhere are very extraordinary and pressing;—It is therefore ordered that no Grand Day be kept as usuall upon the said day, but onely such entertaynement be made as hath bin accustomed upon the Feasts of the Ascension and S^t John Baptist; and that M^r Treasurer doe issue out of the treasure of this Societie the summe of £20 for the use of the poore, viz^t, £5 to the poore prisoners in the Fleete, the like summe to the poore in the prison of the King's Bench, the like summe to the poore of the parish of S^t Giles in the Fields, and the like summe to the poore of the parish of S^t Andrew Holborn; and that M^r Stedman and M^r Astry be desired to attend the Deane of the Chappell for some further charitye out of the offering mony, to be distributed to the poore prisoners of the Marshallsea and King's Bench prisons."

The motion of M^r Long, that there may be clean tablecloths in the Hall every day, is adjourned.

fo. 235.

Council held on February 5th, 36 Charles II, 1684.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the next term four cleane table-cloaths, that is to say, one more than heretofore, be weekly laid upon every table in the Hall *below the Bench table*,* for the use of the gentlemen that shall be in commons."

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer do forthwith proceed to take the subscriptions of such persons as shall contribute towards the repayre of the Chappell." A Committee is also appointed to consult and agree with workmen and to provide materials, so that the repairs may be completed before the end of the summer.

Council held on February 12th, 1684.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 236.

M^r Edward Strode must bring in all writings concerning M^r Colfer's charity; and also his bill of costs in the suit relating thereto, "to be perused and allowed" by the Treasurer.

Call to the Bar: John Oades.

Danvers Hodges, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, who is removing to the Middle Temple, may have the usual certificate.

* These words are struck out.

Council held on April 22nd, 1684.

fo. 237.

Eight Benchers present.

The consideration of the repairs to the Chapel is again referred to a Committee; they are to treat with M^r Maundy, "upon the proposalls by him now made."

Call to the Bar, May 1st, 1684: Thomas Cheveley.

fo. 238.

Council held on May 12th, 1684.

fo. 239.

Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Godeman Jenkine.

"Ordered that hereafter it shall and may be lawfull for any gentleman, though absent, to be admitted a Fellow of this Society, by the approbacion of any two of the Masters of the Bench; but the said Masters are desired carefully to enquire into the quality and fitness of the person to be admitted; and the Cheife Butler is not to enter any name in the Booke of Admittance untill two Masters are satisfied of the quality of the person so to be admitted, and two manucaptors found; and the Cheife Butler is to show this Order upon every such admission."

"Ordered that the Cheife Butler do attend the four Searjants,* late of this Society, that were last called, and acquaint them with the Order made at a Councill here held the 24th day of January, in the 6th year of the reigne of King James,† concerning the Library; and to desire them respectively to pay the summe of 20s. apeice thereby ordered. Which hath bin observed."

Call to the Bar, June 3rd, 1684: Charles Cox.

fo. 240.

Council held on June 10th, 1684.

Ten Benchers present.

"Whereas the ancient office of *Magister Ambulacrorum* belonging to this Society is now void by the death of George Townsend, Esq., late one of the Associates to the Bench; And whereas the splendour and beauty of this House is much concerned in the well ordering of the garden and walks thereunto belonging, which, without such an officer, cannot be so well done;"—Edmund Giles, Esq., one of the Associates to the Bench, is appointed.

* Two of them were Henry Beddingfield and Owen Wynne; the other two were probably John Wyndham and John Millington.

† See Vol. II, p. 117.

fo. 241.

Council held on June 18th, 1684.

Nine Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed to inquire into M^r Colfer's charity and the suit relating thereto, and to give their opinions "what is further to be done for the secureing of the said charitye."

"Ordered that the walls, buttresses and battlements, together with the rooffe, of the Chappell be forthwith repayed." A Committee is appointed to agree with M^r Thompson and M^r Edge as to the same.

Council held on October 25th, 1684.

Six Benchers present.

fo. 242.

"Ordered that there be a Grand Day kept on Saturday next."*

"Whereas heretofore fires have not beene allowed at commons in the Term of S^t Michael until the Eve of All Saints; and whereas very few of the gentlemen do come into commons the begining of the said terme, the season being then very cold, and fires needfull;—It is therefore ordered that forthwith this present term fires be made at meales in the Hall, and that afterwards they be made and continued in every succeeding Michaelmas Terme, from the beginning thereof, as long as commons continue. And this Order is to be screened."

The Porter is to make a list of all gentlemen who have "broken the walls of this House since the last terme, for altering theire windowes."

"Ordered that all the moneyes in the House stock, except the summe of £100 or thereabouts, be wholly appropriated to the repairing of the Chappell."

"Ordered that the Pannierman do take greate care that noe landresses or others do empty their chamber-potts or other things that are noisome, any where but in the back yard of this House appointed to that purpose." He must inform against all offenders.

Council held on October 27th, 1684.

Seven Benchers present.

Francis Larkin is appointed Steward in place of William Jackson, who is now, or was lately, in prison for his own debts. All moneyes owing to Jackson must be paid at once.

fo. 243.

Council held on November 17th, 1684.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 244.

Call to the Bar: William Brome.

"Ordered that £500 of the moneyes belonging to this Society

* November 1st.

be appropriated and set apart for and towards the repaireing of the Chappell; and that noe part thereof be disposed of but by Order of the Councill."

M^r Edward Strode, who is removing to some other House, shall have the usual certificate.

"Whereas by articles beareing date the 11th day of July, 1682, made betweene the Masters of the Bench and Henry Serle, Esq., one of the Fellowes of this Society, the said Henry Searle did covenant within three yeares next after the date thereof to build three ranges of building in such part of Little Lincolne's Inne Feilds as is therein mencioned; And the said Henry Searle now coming before the Councill, and alledging that he had beene very much obstructed in the said building and performing the said articles by reason of some interest claimed by Sir Robert Clark, Knight, one other of the Fellowes of this Society, and others claiming under him, which pretences he could not get quieted untill August last past; and that he did now intend to sett about the said buildings in performance of the said articles, but could not prevaile with any persons to contract with him to build the same, by reason of the shortness of the said time in which he was to sett up the said buildings; And did humbly request that he might have the time, prefixed in the said articles, enlarged for the building of the said Feilds; fo. 245.

"Whereupon, and upon consideracion of the allegacions of the said M^r Serle, the truth whereof being known to many of the Masters of the Bench now present in Councill, by reason of a suite that had beene depending betweene the said M^r Serle and the said Sir Robert Clarke, and others, in the Court of Chancery, concerning the said Feilds, which was but lately determined;—It is ordered that one yeare more be added to the time agreed on by the said articles for the said M^r Serle to build the said Feilds; and that in the meantime [neither] the said M^r Serle, nor any claimeing under him, shall be presecuted for not performing the said articles and agreements, made with this Society, in building the said Feilds by the time aforesaid."

Call to the Bar, November 24th, 1684 :
William Wyndham.

Council held on November 28th, 1684.
Eight Benchers present.

fo. 246.

The Honourable the Lord Altham, a Barrister of this Society, is admitted an Associate to the Bench, first paying £50.*

* Altham Annesley, 2nd son of Arthur, 1st Earl of Anglesey, was raised to the peerage as Baron Altham, Feb. 14, 1680-1.

Council held on December 2nd, 1684.

Nine Benchers present.

- fo.* 247. "Ordered that Edmond Giles, Esq., Master of the Walkes of this Societie, be desired to consider of the preservacion of the trees in the Walkes, and what is fitt to be donne to avoyd the offence given by the smoake comeing from the glazier's shop."

"The consideracion of adding a pendulum to the clock" is referred to a Committee.

1685. Officers for 1685.

Treasurer: M^r Thomas Jones.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Samuel Eyre.

Council held on January 27th, 36 Charles II, 1685.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the former Orders concerning M^r Colfer's charity be revived and confirmed, and that M^r Astry, M^r Guydott and M^r Giles Eyre, the Committee formerly appointed, doe direct the prosecution of the suit thereupon, and take a speedy care to obtaine a decree; and that M^r Goodrick, the [Divinity] Reader of this Society, be imployed to sollicit the same." *

Call to the Bar:

Thomas Lee the younger, and Edward Thornicroft.

- fo.* 248. "Ordered that M^r Astry and M^r Guydott doe plead to the severall actions brought against them by the late brewer of this Society."

Council held on January 29th, 1685.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that a Grand Day be kept on Candlemasse Day next, and M^r Samuel Eyre and M^r Coward are desired to invite the company to dinner."

Call to the Bar: the Hon. M^r Charles Egerton.†

Council held on February 5th, 37 Charles II, 1685.

Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Timothy Parker.

- fo.* 249. "Whereas by the ancient Rules and Orders of this Society, the Fellows of this Society ought to take theire comons in the Hall, and not elsewhere; and the Masters of the Bench at this

* He had been appointed solicitor *ad hoc* in 1675, (p. 102); Edward Strode, an attorney, (p. 114), was appointed in 1676, (p. 109). Goodrick's re-appointment was doubtless due to Strode's removal to another Inn (p. 149).

† See *ante*, pp. 116, 121.

Councill being informed that severall gentlemen of this Society have lately sent for their comons to their chambers, contrary to the said ancient Orders ;—It is ordered that the cookes of this Society or either of them do not deliver any comons out of the kitchin to any persons but the officers of this Society, and that the said officers doe not deliver the same to any persons but the Fellows of this Society in the Hall." To be screened.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer doe issue out £20, for the defence and prosecution of the severall suites brought by M^r Bucknall, the late brewer of this Society, and M^r Vincent, one of the suretyes of M^r Jackson, the late Steward, and against the said M^r Vincent and M^r Jackson." *

Council held on May 13th, 1 James II, 1685.†

fo. 250

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that Sir James Butler and M^r Samuell Eyre, two of the Masters of the Bench, be desired to attend Sir Christopher Wrenn with the draughts of the articles with M^r Thompson and M^r Edge about the repaire of the Chappell, and to desire him to peruse the same." ‡

"Ordered that [five Benchers] doe attend such of the Judges fo. 251. as formerly were of this Society, to acquaint them with the Articles of Agreement made with M^r Serle about building Little Lincoln's Inne Feilds, as also with the grounds and reasons of entering into the said Articles, and the advantages that are like to accrew to this Society thereby ; and to pray their advice and assistance against those who oppose the said building."

Council held on May 20th, 1685.

Eight Benchers present.

"The Masters of the Bench at this Councill, being informed fo. 252. that the inhabitants neare Little Lincoln's Inne Feilds and others, who have as relators in the Atturney Generall's name exhibitted an Informacion in Chancery against M^r Serle, in order to prevent his building there, according to agreement with this Society, are willing to referr the said matter in controversy to the determinacion of such of the Judges who have been members of this Society. It is now resolved by the Masters of the Bench at this Councill that in case the said inhabitants and the said M^r Serle shall thinke fitt to referr the said matter to the said Judges, that they the said Masters will likewise leave the same to the said Judges, to

* These were evidently cross actions.

† Charles II. died on Feb. 6th, 1685.

‡ Wren had been admitted to the Inn, April 25th, 1676.

accomodate the same. And the Masters of the Bench now in Council, disclaimeing the said Informacion to be brought by theire Order or consent, doe further Order that theire disclaimer be drawne up and signed accordingly."

Council held on May 27th, 1685.
Ten Benchers présent.

Call to the Bar: Loftus Brightwell.
Mr Samuel Gookin shall be allowed £3 2s. 6d. a term, until further Order.*

fo. 253. Call to the Bar, June 1st, 1685:
[Nathaniel] Axtell, and William Yate.

Council held on June 23rd, 1685.
Six Benchers present.

fo. 254. "Ordered that the Hall be made use of on every Sunday instead of the Chappell, dureing this terme and three Sundays after; and that the Cheife Butler provide a pulpitt and desk for that purpose."

"Ordered that Mr Treasurer doe imediatly pay £12 to Mr Edge for shoreing the Chappell."

Council held on June 30th, 1685.
Ten Benchers present.

In consideration of "the great charge and expence that this Society will be at in the repaire of the Chappell," it is ordered that all arrears of £10 and upwards shall be at once demanded.

"The Masters of the Bench takeing notice of the great confusion and disorder by reason of the admitting of gentlemen who are called to the Bar to bringe in theire mootes upon discontinued exercises, contrary to the ancient usage of this Society;—It is ordered that noe gentleman of this Society for time to come be admitted to bring in his mote upon a discontinued exercise." To be screened.

"Ordered that Mr Edge doe attend the Quatuor in the Hall after dinner tomorrow, and then give his positive answere whether or noe he will proceed in secureing the roofe of the Chappell according to his former undertaking."

fo. 255. Call to the Bar, July 8th, 1685:
Thomas Lomax.

* See *ante*, p. 144.

Council held on October 29th, 1685.

Eight Benchers present.

£200 is to be borrowed for the payment of the workmen *fo.* 256.
about the Chapel.

M^r Nicholas Martyn, M^r Hugh Hodges, and M^r John Greene,
three Utter Barristers of this Society, are to be invited to come to
the Bench.

Council held on November 5th, 1685.

fo. 257.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

M^r Nicholas Martin and M^r John Greene; to be published at
the first part of the next moot, saving the seniority of M^r Hugh
Hodges.

Call to the Bar:

William Rogers, "who is full standing in this Society, and
hath behaved himselfe nicely in the same. . . . But inasmuch
as by reason of the repaireing of the Chappell the said M^r Rogers
could not receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there, and
hath brought only a certificate of his receiving thereof at the
Parish Church of S^t Dunstan's, without oath thereof;—It is farther
ordered that before he be published he bring affidavit in writing
that he did receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according
to the usage of the Church of England, in the said Parish Church."

Council held on November 12th, 1685.

fo. 258.

Nine Benchers present.

The Steward is allowed £28 14s. 3½d. "in consideracion of
the extraordinary price of beefe and mutton in the two last termes."

In view of the great expense of repairing the Chapel, it is
ordered that no abatement shall be made to any one "upon the
account of his arreares of absent commons, vacations, pentions,
Preacher's Rolle, Chimney Money, Fines or Penalties, or any
other duties whatsoever to this Society, until the said Society
shall be out of debt."

"Ordered that the severall buildings upon and against the *fo.* 259.
north wall of the Garden be throwne downe, unlesse the severall
partyes concerned therein doe remove the same, or shew good
cause to the contrary at the next Council."

The invitation to the Bench has been conveyed to M^r Hugh
Hodges, "but he expressed himself dissatisfied therewith. The
Masters of the Bench doe therein acquiesce."

Council held on November 19th, 1685.

Ten Benchers present.

The Steward is allowed £10 10s. 5d. in consideration of the dearness of fish the two last terms.

Call to the Bench :

Mr Hugh Hodges, upon his acquainting the Council that, notwithstanding his former dissatisfaction, he now desired to be called ; to be published "at the next first part of a moote."

fo. 260.

Call to the Bar, November 25th, 1685 :
Roger Mompesson.

Council held on November 28th, 1685.

Eight Benchers present.

A further sum of £200 is to be borrowed for the payment of the workmen about the Chapel.

Sixteen gentlemen are fined £20 each "for neglecting to Read at the Inns of Chancery, haveing been duly elected for that purpose."

fo. 261.

Nine gentlemen are fined £20 each for neglecting to execute the office of Master of the Revels.

A new deed of feoffment is to be prepared immediately.

Accounts of Thomas Jones, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Feb. 4th to Nov. 28th, 1685.

Receipts : £2,073 18s. 11d. Including £109 7s. 1d. from William Guidott, the late Treasurer ; £500 borrowed by order of the Council ; £200 the like ; £200 the like † ; £422 6s. 8d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines ; £1 from Edward Pile for ground for his interment under the Chapel.

Payments : £2,018 1s. 10d. Including £600 to John Thompson, the mason, and £460 to William Edge, the bricklayer, for repairs to the Chapel ; 2s. for "syder" ; 9d. for tobacco ; 3s. 6d. for coach-hire to Whitehall with an address ;* 5s. for engrossing the address ; 10s. to Thomas Greene, the Chief Butler, for procuring the hands of gentlemen to the address ; 10s. for pressing, dressing and mending the curtains of the Chapel.

Balance : £55 17s. 1d.

* An address to James II on his accession. "Addresses have been presented to his Majestie from . . . members of the Society of Lincoln's Inn, condoling the death of his late Majestie, and congratulating his present Majestie's succession to the Crown, . . . and promising to assist him with their lives and fortunes."—Luttrell, *Diary*, i, 329.

† See *ante*, pp. 148, 153, and *supra*.

Officers for 1686.

1686.

Treasurer : M^r John Eldred.

Keeper of the Black Book : M^r Giles Eyre.

Council held on January 28th, 1 James II, 1686.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Grand Day bee kept; and M^r Coward *fo. 262.* and M^r Greene, two of the Masters of the Bench, are desired to invite such persons to dine then in this Societie whose names shall be delivered to them."

A further £200 must be borrowed for the repairs to the Chapel.

M^r Henry Watts, who was formerly called to the Bar, but whose call was afterwards vacated, petitions "that he may have libertie to goe out att the Barre, and bee published att the second parte of a moote." Ordered accordingly, he shall be published on Friday next, if he first pay his arrears and buy a chamber.

Council held on February 4th, 1686.

fo. 263.

Nine Benchers present.

The new feoffment shall be made to Thomas Greene, Chief Butler, and his heirs, to the use of the Masters of the Bench and their heirs.

Council held on February 9th, 2 James II, 1686.

Thirteen Benchers present.

M^r Samuel Gookin is admitted into a chamber in the Chapel *fo. 264.* Stairs, three stories high, during the pleasure of the Bench.

Council held on February 12th, 1686.

fo. 265.

Nine Benchers present.

A further £200 must be borrowed for the work on the Chapel.

Council held on February 17th, 1686.

fo. 266.

Twelve Benchers present.

A further sum of £200 must be borrowed for the work on the Chapel.

"Ordered that any Master of the Bench of this Societie who *fo. 267.* hath not performed the office of Reader, haveing bought a chamber in this House, shall have libertie, as well as any Master who hath Read, to sell the same at any tyme dureing his life, hee giving a bond of £300 penalty to the rest of the Masters of the Bench who have performed the office of Reader, in trust for this Societie, to performe the office of a Reader when other Innes of Court doe

the same and hee shall bee thereunto required, and paying all his arreeres and dutyes then due from him to this Societie."

This Council is adjourned to the Buttery, on Monday next, at 2 p.m.

Council held on April 27th, 1686.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

fo. 268. [Thomas] Barker and William Bellingham.

"Ordered that Henry Serle, Esq., one of the Fellowes of this Societie, have one yeare more allowed him from midsomer next, being the tyme added to the tyme agreed on by his Articles with the Masters of the Bench for building the Feilds."

"Ordered that Sir Thomas Powis, Knight, His Majestie's Sollicitor Generall,* being an Utter Barister of this Societie, bee called to the Bench, and that hee bee published on Wednesday next, being the last parte of the moote."

Council held on May 4th, 1686.

Six Benchers present.

fo. 269. "Ordered that M^r Aylofffe have leave att his owne charge to set upp his ancestor's armes in the window of the Chappell, where they formerly were."

"Ordered that noe person other then a member of this Societie bee permitted to goe into the Archives, without the consent first had of Sir James Butler, M^r Astry, M^r Samuell Eyre, and M^r Martyn, Masters of the Bench, or any three of them."

Council held on May 11th, 1686.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that a colleccion be made for the French Protestants,† and that the Cheife Butler doe provide a booke for that purpose, in which he is to enter the names of the severall members of this Societie; and on Thursday next, being the Grand Day in the Hall, doe take the subscripcions of each member then present, what he thinks fit to give towards the said colleccion; and that he alsoe attend such of the members of this Societie who shall not bee then present in the Hall, att their chambers, and take their severall subscripcions thereunto."

* Appointed the day before, April 26th. He attended his first Council on May 17th, when his name heads the list of Benchers present.

† The Edict of Nantes was revoked on Oct. 18, 1685. "The Breif for the collection for the French Protestants hath past the Great Seal, and accordingly they have begun to collect for them, and many persons give very largely."—Luttrell, *Diary*, i, 374.

Call to the Bar, May 17th, 1686:
William Clayton.

Council held on June 17th, 1686.

fo. 271.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Senior Butler doe require M^r Edge, from the Masters of the Bench, before the middle of August next to white the Chappell according to his articles; and that hee bee payd noe more money till hee hath performed the same." fo. 272.

"Ordered that M^r Astrey, one of the Masters of the Bench, bee Master of the Library in the roome of M^r Ashton, one other of the Masters of the Bench, being very aged and infirme, and desirous to bee eased of the said office."

"Ordered that M^r Stedman bee Deane of the Chappell in the roome of the said M^r Ashton, being alsoe desirous to bee eased of the said office."

Council held on June 23rd, 1686.

fo. 273.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that the moneyes collected of the severall members of this Societie for releife of the French Protestants, bee paid into the Chamber of London, pursuant to his Majestie's Proclamacion."*

A further sum of £200 must be borrowed for the Chapel.

Council held on November 4th, 1686.

fo. 274.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer doe make enquiry who tooke downe the wainscoate or any other things fixed in the chamber late M^r Asgill's, and who were the abettors of it."

Call to the Bar:
William Fellowes and William Wynne.

Council held on November 11th, 1686.

fo. 275.

Eleven Benchers present.

M^r Stedman is to report how the pleadings and proceedings stand in the cause depending concerning M^r Colfer's Charity, "that the same if possible may bee brought to a heareing this terme."

Council held on November 29th, 1686.

fo. 277.

Nine Benchers present.

"Whereas the antient office of *Magister Ambulacrorum* belonging to this Societie is now void by the death of Edmund

* The Proclamation was dated March 5, 1686, and authorised the issue of the Brief mentioned in the previous note (p. 156). The Chamber of London is the Chamberlain's Office, or Treasury, of the City. See *Proc. of the Huguenot Soc.*, v, 344.

Gyles, Esquire, late one of the Associates to the Bench; and whereas the splendor and beauty of this House is much concerned in the well ordering of the Garden and Walkes thereunto belonging, which, without such an officer, cannot bee soe well done;"—Sir Samuel Clerke, Knight, one of the Associates of the Bench, is appointed.

Call to the Bar:

Henry Smith, "upon the intimation of Sir Thomas Powis, Knt., his Majestie's Sol^r Generall, that it is his Majestie's pleasure." *

Also Edward Strode, who "hath quitted the practice of an Attorney, and applyed himselfe to the study of the law, and performed all his exercises." †

Also William Hempson.

1687. Officers for 1687.

Treasurer : Sir Thomas Powis, Solicitor General.

Keeper of the Black Book : M^r William Coward.

fo. 278. Call to the Bar, January 29th, 2 James II, 1687:
[Nicholas] Corsellis.

Council held on February 5th, 1687.
Ten Benchers present.

fo. 279. Call to the Bar :
Sir Thomas Manby, Knight, and Martyn Judd, ‡ "upon the intimation of Sir Thomas Powis, Knight, his Majestye's Sollicitor Generall, that it is his Majestye's pleasure."
Also John Weaver.

fo. 280. Call to the Bar, April 20th, 1687 :
Edward Horseman and Gilbert Horseman.

fo. 281. Council held on April 26th, 1687.
Eight Benchers present.
"Ordered that M^r Treasurer be desired to give 10s. betweene the pewterer and his journeyman who were instrumentall in the discovery and getting back of the pewter which was lately stolen and imbezilled from this Society."

* "1686, Nov.—Orders have been sent to the Inns of Court for calling several Roman Catholicks to the Barr; and accordingly 6 have been called at Graies Inn, 2 at Lincoln's Inn, and 1 of the Inner house."—Luttrell, *Diary*, i, 388.

† See *ante*, p. 149.

‡ Apparently a mistake for *Jubbes* or *Jubbs*.

Council held on May 4th, 1687.

Nine Benchers present.

The arrears for the Parson's Roll and for absent commons *fo. 282.* must be paid at once, "forasmuch as the House is become greatly indebted by the extraordinary expence and charge of the late building and repaire of the Chappell of this Society, whereunto none of the gentlemen of this House, or any others, have been any way contributory."

* Eldred Lancelot Lee, Esq., Barrister, has leave to dispose of his part of a chamber in Gate House Court, Stone Pace Row, to Thomas Lee junior, Esq., Barrister, who has the other part of the chamber, which is to be consolidated. "In regard the said Mr Thomas Lee hath offered to make a present of a considerable number of bookes of the Civell Law to the Library," he shall be admitted on payment of a fine of £5, he first delivering the said books to the Master of the Library.

* On the motion of Mr Astry, "It is ordered att the desire of Sir Samuel Clerke, Kn^t, Master of the Walkes, that Mr Egerton,† one of the Barristers of this House, in respect of his quality may, att his owne charge, have a key of the private garden of this Society delivered unto him for his owne use. And the said Mr Egerton, as alsoe the Masters and Associats of the Bench, who have or shall have any key or keys of the said private garden, are desired not to parte with theire said keys out of theire respective custodies, to any person or persons. And the said Master of the Walks is desired that if he shall find any of the keys of the said private garden to be lent out or made use of, contrary to the intencion of this Order, to admonish the defaulters thereof, and to acquaint the Masters of the Bench therewith."

Council held on May 9th, 1687.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Richard Williams.

‡ "Upon debate and consideracion had of the businesse concerninge Benchers' chambers of this House, who have not been Readers, It is declared that it is reasonable that as well those Benchers who have not Read that have chambers gratis from this House, as those Benchers who have not chambers gratis, should, in respect of the great debts and present exigences of this House, wave the priviledge and benefitt of haveing any Bench chambers gratis from the House, untill the debts and engagements of the House be paid and discharged."

* Red Book I, fo. 426. † See *ante*, pp. 116, 121, 150. ‡ Red Book I, fo. 427.

fo. 283.

Council held on June 2nd, 1687.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the bill of charges brought in by M^r Goodrick * att this Councell, touching the charges of the suite in Chancery and decree concerninge M^r Colfer's Charity,"—be referred to a Committee for examination.

Council held on June 8th, 1687.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the bill of charges touching the decree concerning M^r Colfer's Charity, amounting to £23 16s., be paid out of the Charity money; and that the bill be kept with the copy of the decree."

"It is ordered that M^r Francklyn, one of the Fellowes of this Society, have leave, at his owne charges, to sett up two dyalls and a seat, at the places in this House he desires."

fo. 284.

Council held on October 28th, 1687.

Ten Benchers present.

Grand Day shall be kept; M^r Hill and M^r Greene are desired to invite such persons to dine then whose names shall be delivered to them.

Council held on November 10th, 1687.

Nine Benchers present.

Theodore Bathurst, Barrister, is fined £20 for not executing the office of Master of the Revels, to which he had been appointed by the Masters of the Bench.

fo. 285.

Nine persons [names given], members of this Society, having no chambers in the House, do lodge in other gentlemen's chambers, contrary to Order. They must attend the next Council.

fo. 286.

Council held on November 17th, 1687.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Barre Moot exercises of this Society bee for the future performed by the Masters of the Bench in their course and turne, as the other moots and exercises of the House are."

"Ordered that the severall gentlemen of this House who permitt severall straingers to lodge in their chambers, not being members of this Society, doe attend att the next Councell to show cause why they doe not remove them; and in default their of, that their respective chambers bee padlockd."

* See *ante*, p. 150.

"Whereas this Councell is informed that M^r Middleton, one of the members of this Society, doe lett out his chamber in this House att an yearely rent, contrary to the Orders and Rules of this House." He must attend the next Council to show cause why his chamber should not be seized.

Council held on November 28th, 1687.
Twelve Benchers present.

fo. 287.

Call to the Bar:

Thomas Wyndham and John Hungerford, who have performed all their exercises but two; they must each perform two more before publication.

"Ordered that the Masters of the Bench who have not been Readers of this Society and that have had or shall have any Bench chamber or chambers, doe pay 100 markes apiece for theire respective chambers to the Treasurer of this House before the first Councell of next terme; which is to be repaid or otherwise allowed unto them by this House as soone as this House shall gett out of debt, or that the respective Masters of the Bench, who have not Read, shall bee Readers of this Society, which shall first happen." fo. 288.

Council held on December 2nd, 1687.
Nine Benchers present.

M^r George Morley is removing from this House to another Society, "and therefore desires the *bene decessit* of this House." He may have it on payment of £12 for the use of the House.

John Smith, the Cook, complains "that the proffitts of his place is much lessened by the Steward's buying in of necks of mutton and loynes without rumps for the commons of this House, and that he hath been att greater charges then formerly, by hiring cookes to assist on Grand Dayes."

Accounts of Thomas Powis, Knight, Solicitor General, from Dec. 23rd, 1686, to Nov. 28th, 1687.

Receipts: £989 1s. 6d. Including £35 from the executors of Henry Colfer.

Payments: £961 9s. 2d. Including £60 7s. for apparels.

Balance: £27 12s. 4d.

Officers for 1688.

1688.

Treasurer: M^r Samuel Eyre.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Francis Hill.

Council held on January 26th, 3 James II, 1688.

Five Benchers present.

- fo.* 289. "Whereas by an old Order, made in Councell, no commons were to be carried out of the kitchen to any of the gentlemen's chambers of this Society, It is ordered that the said ancient Order be revived and screened up."

fo. 290. Council held on February 7th, 1688.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

- fo.* 291. John Chappell, "M^r Atturney Generall haveing signified his Majestie's pleasure to some of the Masters of the Bench" that he should be called.*

fo. 293. Council held on February 13th, 1688.

Seven Benchers present.

fo. 294. Call to the Bar :

Richard Atkins and [Charles] Shaw.

"Ordered that the Porter permit no coaches to come into the courts of this House, but such as are Noblemen's, Judges', and the King's Councell, unlesse the said Porter hath particular direccion from some of the Masters of the Bench to lett in any other coach."

fo. 295. Council held on May 9th, 1688.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Searle, one of the gentlemen of this Society, be desired to attend the next Councell, and to shew cause why he doth not proceed on his Articles formerly made with the Masters of the Bench."†

Council held on May 21st, 1688.

Eight Benchers present.

- fo.* 296. "Ordered that the 20 guineas offered by Furnivall's Inne for the renewall of their lease, be accepted of by the Treasurer of this Society; and that upon payment thereof, and surrendred their old lease, a new lease to be made unto them for three score yeares, under the same rent and covenant."

"Ordered that the Treasurer doe treat with M^r Rossinton for making of shops under the Tarrase Walk in the Great Garden, and to make the best agreement he can with him for the benefit of the House."

* See *ante*, p. 158.

† See *ante*, pp. 139, 149, 156.

* With regard to the late Order as to Benchers' chambers,† It is ordered that only so much as relates to the payment of the 100 marks shall stand; "And that the said Masters who have not Read, and have or shall have such Bench chambers, shall hold the same in the same manner as other chambers in the House are held, and not as Bench chambers. Subject nevertheless to this proviso, that in case the Masters of the Bench shall think fit to repay, and doe pay unto any such Master who have or shall have such chamber, the sum of 100 markes before he shall dispose of his said chamber, in order to leavyng this Society, that then the said chamber shall become and be held as a Bench chamber againe. And it is further Ordered that the severall bonds of £200 a piece penalty, entred into by M^r Astry and M^r Samuell Eyre upon their severall admissions into their Bench chambers, condicioned for their Reading when they shall be required soe to doe, shall be delivered up; and that in case the Masters of the Bench shall think fit to repay such sume of 100 markes to such Master who shall have paid the same, that then, at the time of payment of such money, such Master shall enter into such bond as aforesaid, in case he hath not before that time Read."

Council held on May 28th, 1688.

Fourteen Benchers present.

"The Masters of the Bench,—haveing taken into consideration the paper delivered unto them by severall of the gentlemen of this Society in the Hall, on Thursday last, and the matters therein contained, and severall of the said gentlemen attending the Bench in Councell on Saturday last, and desiring liberty to inspect the accompts of the House, and to have an answer in writing delivered them from the Masters of the Bench to the matters contained in the said paper by them delivered; the Masters have thought fitt, and soe declared in Councell, that no answer in writing be given to the said paper, haveing never been in president, but all reasonable satisfaccion be given to the said gentlemen touching the matters contained in the said paper,—doe appoint that four Masters of the Bench . . . doe meet in the Councell Chamber with four of the gentlemen that are at the Barre and four that are under the Barre, to be chosen by the said gentlemen, to discourse with them of the matters by them set forth in the said paper, and to produce the said accompts, in order to their satisfaccion."

M^r Searle is desired to attend the first Council next term, *fo.* 297.

* Red Book I, fo. 433.

† See *ante*, p. 161.

when the Articles between himself and the Masters of the Bench shall be produced.

"Ordered that M^r [Adam] Brown, who hath officiated in the Chappell for severall monethes last past, be and is hereby appointed and chosen Reader in the Chappell [*i.e.* Chaplain] for this Society, in the room of M^r Goodrick."

Council held on June 21st, 1688.

Eight Benchers present.

"Upon the report of Sir James Butler, M^r Luke Astry, M^r Samuell Eyre and M^r Gyles Eyre, four of the Masters of the Bench, (by a former Order appointed to be a Committee to meet the Fellows of this Society in order to treat with them concerning the matters contained in the paper delivered by the Fellows of this Society unto the Masters of the Bench), that they had mett M^r John Hawles, M^r Ben: Siddon, M^r Sam: Somerford, M^r Edward Strode, M^r Thomas Wyndham and M^r Edmund Pittman, Barristers, M^r Edward Forde, M^r Thomas Pemberton, M^r Cha: Button, M^r Har: Roynons, M^r Thomas Eyre and M^r William Dunch, Students; and that, upon debate of the said matters, the said Barristers and Students did desire that they might have leave to peruse and examine all the Treasurers' accompts (who yet remaine members of this Society) which have att any time heretofore been delivered unto the Masters of the Bench, and that they may also have leave to examine and peruse the Black Bookes belonging to this Society, and also to examine and state all the absent commons due from any member of this Society; and that in regard the said Barristers' and Students' occasions were such that they could not themselves constantly attend the peruseing and examining the said accompts and bookes, they did desire that they might be at liberty to name six Barristers and six Students, Fellows of this Society, and that any number of the said twelve persons, soe to be named, not exceeding eight or lesse then two persons, might have leave from time to time to meet to peruse and examine the said accompts and books, and to take the state of the said absent commons.—

"Whereupon, and upon debate of the said matter, the said Masters of the Bench doe think fit and Order that the said accounts and bookes and rolls of absent commons be shewne unto the said Fellows of this Society, and that they have liberty to examine and peruse the same, and to take an account of the said absent commons; and that the said M^r Hawles, M^r Siddon, M^r Somerford, M^r Strode, M^r Wyndham, M^r Pittman, M^r Ford, M^r Pemberton, M^r Button, M^r Roynons, M^r Eyre and M^r Dunch, have such liberty as is desired to name such twelve Fellows of

this Society, and that any number of them not exceeding eight or lesse then two may from time to time meet in the Councell Chamber for the purpose aforesaid.

"And doe likewise Order that one of the Masters of the Bench, beginning with the junior Master, and soe takeing the same in turne to the senior, be always present at the Councell Chamber whilst any Fellows of the said Society, of the number aforesaid, are present to peruse the said accompts and bookes.

"And by reason that the exigencies of the House, for defraying the debts thereof, are pressing, It is further Ordered that the said Fellows of this Society doe forthwith meet to satisfy themselves in the said accompts, bookes and absent commons; and that the Black-Book Keeper be added to the said Committee; and that the said Committee doe from time to time meet the said Fellows of this Society, in order to debate and satisfy them of the matters contained in the said paper; and doe from time to time report their actings in the said matters to the Masters of the Bench in Counsell; and, if possible, finally to end the same before the last day of this present terme."

"Upon the petition of M^{rs} Gookin, shewing what great necessity she is reduced to by reason of the poverty of her late husband; It is ordered that M^r Treasurer doe give unto her the sume of £3."

"Whereas the Lord Chief Justice Wright,* Chiefe Baron,† *fo.* 299. and the Serjeants of the last Call,‡ have desired the use of the Hall to keep their Feast in, on Tuesday next;—It is thereupon ordered that the said new Serjeants shall or may keep their Feast in the said Hall on Tuesday next; and that the gentlemen of this Society, in regard they cannot dine in the Hall that day, shall in liew thereof have exceedings on Wednesday, the next day following."§

Council held on June 28th, 1688.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Gookin's funerall charges, being £1 8s. 6d., be deducted out of the £3 lately ordered to be given by the Treasurer to M^{rs} Gooking, his late wife."

* Robert Wright, C.J.K.B.

† Edward Atkyns.

‡ Foss gives a list of nine Serjeants called in 1688, none of whom were of Lincoln's Inn.

§ 1688, June 26th. "The new Serjeants mett at Lincoln's Inn, and counted there, and thence walkt to Westminster in their party-coloured robes to the Common Pleas barr, and counted, . . . and afterwards entertained the Lord Chancellor, Judges, Serjeants at Law, and other persons of quality, at a dinner at Lincoln's Inn."—Luttrell, *Diary*, i 446.

"Ordered that the coates of arms of the Lord Chiefe Justice Wright and the Lord Chiefe Baron Atkyns be sett up in one of the windowes in the Hall."

fo. 300.

Council held on July 4th, 1688.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

"Upon produceing two letters att this Councell by Sir James Butler, the one from my Lord Sunderland to my Lord Chancellour, the other from my Lord Chancellor to M^r Attorney Generall, both declaring his Majestye's pleasure that M^r [John] Browne and M^r [Henry] Collett, two of the gent. of this Society, should be called to the Barre." Ordered accordingly, with a saving of seniority to all others.*

"Upon the report made att this Councell by some of the Committee appointed to treat with the gent. of this Society touching severall matters contained in a paper by them delivered to the Masters of the Bench, and haveing lately mett in the Councell Chamber, and debating the matters with the said gent. ; and the gent. insisting much upon severall Orders formerly made touching Bench chambers, which the Committee had not then time to inspect and examine ; and the said gent. insisting also upon severall other things."—Adjourned.

fo. 302.

Council held on November 8th, 1688.
Six Benchers present.

M^r Collet and M^r Brown must show cause at the next Council why the Order lately made for their being called to the Bar should not be vacated.†

Call to the Bar : John Eyre.

[NOTE.—No further Councils were held until Feb. 2nd, 1689. James II fled on Dec. 22nd of this year; William and Mary were proclaimed on Feb. 13th, 1689.]

Accounts of Samuel Eyre, Esquire, the Treasurer, from December 21st, 1687, to November 28th, 1688.

Receipts: £1,117 18s. od. Including £470 13s. 4d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £1 each from

* See *ante*, p. 158, and below.

† See above. William of Orange landed at Torbay on Nov. 5th, and the fact was known in London on the following day. The first opportunity seems to have been taken to question the Calls made on July 4th.

Serjeant Wynne and John Norden for ground for their interments under the Chapel; £20 from M^r Richard Spurr for M^r Colfer's legacy.

Payments: £1,091 3s. 8d. Including £200 each repaid to Thomas Holder, Esq., and Dame Elizabeth Butler.

Balance: £26 14s. 4d.

Officers for 1689.

1689.

Treasurer: M^r Samuel Eyre.

M^r William Coward.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Francis Hill.

Call to the Bar, February 2nd, 4 James II, 1689: *fo.* 303.
William Martyn.

Council held on February 7th, 1689.*

Five Benchers present.

M^r Collett shall be published tomorrow night, if he pays all his arrears and duties in the mean time.†

Council held on April 30th, in the 1st year of the reign *fo.* 304.
of William and Mary, King and Queen of England,
A.D. 1689.

Eleven Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

M^r [Isaac] Ewre, M^r [Edward] Bide, and M^r Thomas Fountaine; to be published at the next exercise.

"Whereas it hath beene a usage for diverse yeares last *fo.* 305.
past in this Societie, that when any Master of the Bench or gentleman of the Societie hath by writt beene called to bee a Serjeant at Lawe, that by such call hee was debarred from surrendring his chamber which hee held within this Howse; but ought after one full yeare, to bee accompted from the takeing on him such degree, to leave his chamber to bee taken for the benefitt of this Societie. And finding the same to bee very prejudiciall to the Societie, and a great discouragement to all the Fellows and members thereof to take upon them the said degree;—It is therefore att this Councell ordered that every Master of the Bench, Fellow, or member of this Society for the time being, which from henceforth shall bee called to the degree of a Serjeant att Lawe,

* No regnal year is given. There was an interregnum until Feb. 13th. See note on p. 166.

† See *ante*, p. 166.

being att the time of such his call possessed of one whole or more chambers, or of a moietye of a chamber, in this Societie, which hee bought and purchased with his owne money, shall and may, in such case only, have liberty to surrender the same att any time within one yeare, to bee accompted from the time of his being sworne a Serjeant att Lawe; any Order, custome or usage of the Societie to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. But in default thereof within the time aforesaid, hee and they are absolutely to loose and forfeite the said chambers and parts of chambers to the use of the said Societie."

* Call to the Bench:

M^r Richard Holford, if he pay his arrears before the next Council.

Council held on May 7th, 1689.

Seven Benchers present.

fo. 306. "Whereas by the auntient Orders of this Societie, noe gentleman is to have his commons anywhere but in the Hall; and whereas greate inconveniencies have lately come to this Societie by reason that sometimes the Cooke, and sometimes the Steward, have sent the gentlemen's commons to their chambers, or delivered them to their laundresses or servants to be carried to their masters' chambers and other places, whereby the pewter of the House is lost, and other damage have arisen to the House:—It is therefore ordered that if either the Cooke or Steward of this Societie shall send, or deliver out to bee sent, any gentleman's commons to any person to bee sent to the gentleman's chamber, or any other place, other then the gentleman himselfe in the Hall, then the said Cooke or Steward soe offending shall be suspended, or turned out of his or their respective place or places for soe doeing. And this Order to bee screened."

fo. 307. Council held on May 13th, 1689.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Master of the Rolls† bee called to the Bench, and that M^r Stedman and the Treasurer to wayte on him to acquaint him therewith."

fo. 308. Council held on May 16th, 1689.

Seven Benchers present.

M^r Robert Holford, having paid his arrears, shall be published to the Bench at the next exercise.

* Red Book I, fo. 435.

† Sir Henry Powle of Lincoln's Inn, appointed March 13th, 1689.

Council held on June 6th, 1689.
Eleven Benchers present.

fo. 309.

Call to the Bar :

fo. 310.

"Upon the mocion of M^r Sam: Eyre, Treasurer of this Societye, on the behalfe of John Lindon, Esq., one of the Fellows of this Societye, and upon consideracion had of the present condicion of the said M^r Lindon, who was admitted a gentleman of this Societye above thirty yeares since*, and haveing spent much of his time in the Kingdome of Ireland, being there one of the late King Charles the Second's Serjeants at Lawe; and afterwards, in the yeare 1682, one of the Judges of the King's Bench there; and, by reason of the present troubles and commocions in that Kingdome, was forced with his wife and family to leave the said Kingdome, and to come into England, sustaineing the losse of all his goods, plate and estate in that Kingdome; and desireing to bee called to the Barr." Ordered accordingly; to be published at the next exercise.

Council held on June 12th, 1689.
Twelve Benchers present.

M^r Samuel Eyre, the Treasurer, having now served that office for one year and three terms, desires to be discharged.

fo. 311.

Council held on June 19th, 1689,
Eight Benchers present.

"Upon consideracion had of M^r Searle's building, and of his request for longer time to finish the same,—It is ordered that the said M^r Searle haveing consented to pay 40s. for the first admission for every chamber built and to bee built upon his owne ground, and that the howse of office shall bee built in such place of the Base Court as the Masters of the Bench shall direct and appointe, and that the passage thereunto is to bee made upon or through his owne ground—Ordered that the said M^r Searle hath time allowed him to finish his buildings untill the last day of Michaelmas Terme which will be in the yeare of our Lord 1690."

fo. 312.

M^r William Coward is chosen Treasurer.

Council held on October 29th, 1689.
Eleven Benchers present.

fo. 313.

Robert Drye is appointed Steward.

Ordered that Friday next be kept as the Grand Day.

* Adm. Aug. 8th, 1657.

fo. 314. Council held on November 6th, 1689.
Ten Benchers present.

The Steward petitions for consideration, "setting forth the dearenesse of provisions, and the greate losses hee hath and doth still sustaine thereby,* and there being noe vacacion commons, noe Readings, few Grand Days, and but very few gentlemen in commons in the terme time." Referred to a Committee.

fo. 316. Council held on November 25th, 1689.
Nine Benchers present,

Call to the Bar:

Martin Button, to be published next term; and Joseph Browne, to be published in Easter Term.

fo. 317. M^r Littleton Powis is called to be an Associate to the Bench; he must give a bond to the Treasurer in the penal sum of £200 for the payment of £100 in case he shall refuse to come to the Bench, if called.

M^r Thomas Clutterbuck may have a *bene decessit* from the Treasurer, on payment of all arrears and duties.

fo. 318. Council held on November 28th, 1689.
Ten Benchers present.

fo. 319. "Upon reading the petition of the gentlemen of Furnivall's Inne, and debateing the matters therein contained,—It is ordered that a copy of the said petition bee delivered to M^r Coleman, therein named, within tenn dayes now next ensueing, and that thereupon, and upon reasonable demand, the said M^r Coleman doe deliver to some one of the petitioners a true copy of the poll taken upon the last eleccion of the Principall; and that the petitioners doe, within one weeke after, bring in a perticuler charge of the irregularities in the said eleccion, to the Treasurer of this Howse, And the petitioners and the said M^r Coleman are to bee heard thereupon on the second Councill in the next terme."

1690. Officers for 1690.

Treasurer: M^r William Coward.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Nicholas Martyn.

Council held on January 31st, 1 William and Mary, 1690.
Twelve Benchers present.

fo. 320. Upon hearing M^r Edward Coleman, recently elected Principal of Furnival's Inn, and very many gentlemen of the Inn who

* He had been acting as Steward for some little time previous to his formal appointment.

attended on his behalf, and others who had petitioned against his said election, alleging some irregularity therein:—It is ordered that the petition, being groundless, be dismissed, and M^r Coleman's election confirmed.

Council held on February 3rd, 1690.

Nine Benchers present.

"Upon the petition of M^r Adam Browne, shewing that he *fo.* 321. had preached M^r Henry Colfer's lecture sermon ever since the first Wednesday in May, 1688, and praying that he might be paid what moneys the Treasurer of this Society had in his hands of M^r Colfer's gift, and due to the said M^r Browne for that service;—It is ordered that the Treasurer doe for the present pay the said M^r Browne £6. And that it be further referred to the said M^r Treasurer to examine what arreares of the said gift are due unto and from this Society."

Council held on February 7th, 1690.

Five Benchers present.

The Treasurer is "to inspect and report the charge which *fo.* 322. this Society hath bin at concerning M^r Colfer's charity, to the end the Society may be reimbursed the same."

All gentlemen lying in chambers not their own must remove forthwith.

"Whereas upon Tuesday, the fourth of this month, by Order of the Commissioners for the County of Middlesex for putting in execution therein the Act for granting to their Majesties of an Aide of twelve pence in the pound for one yeare, &c.;* Reciting that M^r Astrey and M^r Coward, appointed by the said Commissioners Assessors for this Society, M^r Hill, who was appointed one other Assessor, being sick; and that as therein is recited to be alleged the Society was not charged in the Act in 1676; and that Doctors' Commons, being then assessed, was excused; and that their predecessors were not charged; and that M^r Coward, being a Member of Parliament, pleaded he ought not to be made an Assessor, and M^r Hill, being sick, was disabled by the Act of God; it was ordered that M^r Coward's fine be not estreated, but that the rest be estreated, according to former Orders;—It is ordered that the said M^r Astrey and M^r Hill be indemnified by this Society."

Council held on February 12th, 1690.

Five Benchers present.

* Probably Stat. 1 W. & M., Sess. 2, cap. 5.

fo. 323.

Call to the Bar: Robert Eyre.

"Ordered that they who are to receve M^r Colfer's charity doe make a proporcionable abatement for the charges this House hath bin at for the recovery thereof; the which M^r Treasurer is desired to see done accordingly."

"Ordered that as well the gentlemen that lye in other gentlemen's chambers within this House, as alsoe the owners of the same chambers, doe, in default of the removall of the same gentlemen soe lying in other gentlemen's chambers before the next adjourned Councill, attend at the same adjourned Councill; or otherwise the chambers of such as disobey this Order to be padlocked. And that the Porter doe give notice hereof."

Council held on February 17th, 1690.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 324.

M^r Samuel Wade may have a *bene decessit* from the Treasurer, on payment of all arrears and duties.

Council held on May 9th, 1690.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered—that M^r Searle, at his costs and charges, taking down the west wall of the kitchen garden, and erecting a new brick wall of the same height, from the south west corner of M^r Windham's chambers, in a streight line, to joyne with the north west corner of his the said M^r Searle's intended new building,—the said M^r Searle may have liberty to lay his foundation, for the whole breadth of the north end of his new intended building, where the south wall of the kitchen garden now standeth." *

† "Upon the petition of the Lord Altham, one of the Associates of the Bench, shewing that he hath one whole chamber in Gate House Court, and Stone Pace Rowe, two story high, and which he is willing to leave to M^r John Rolfe, one of the Fellows of this Society, and praying that the said M^r Rolfe may be admitted thereunto, paying a reasonable fine.—The Masters of the Bench, having taken into consideracion the unhappy circumstances of the said Lord Altham hapning by means of the present troubles in Ireland, It is ordered that the said Lord Altham paying to the Treasurer before the next Councill £30 only, in full of all his arrears, and the said M^r Rolfe

* On the north wall of No. 1, New Square, is a stone tablet, with the lion then used as the arms of the Inn (see *ante*, p. 14, note), the initials of John Greene, Treasurer, 1692, and this inscription:—"This wall is built upon the ground of Lincoln's Inn. No windows are to be broken out without leave."

† Red Book I, fo. 442.

paying before the next Councill £8 for his fine, he, the said M^r Rolfe, be admitted into the said chamber."

Council held on May 15th, 1690.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Searle may make a terace walk in the private garden, to joyn the old terace walke in the Great Garden, upon such termes and in such manner as shall be agreed upon between the Masters of the Bench and him; and that he may have liberty to proceed therein forthwith." *

Call to the Bar: John Comyns.

fo. 325.

Also William Dunch; several of the Masters of the Bench having satisfied the rest that he is "a very good Protestant, notwithstanding that it is not certified on his behalfe that he hath received the Sacrament at the Chappell of this House according to the usage of the Church of England."

Council held on May 20th, 1690.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Whereas it hath bin proposed that the Terace should be continued through the Benchers' Garden, and that whereas by reason of the great debt upon this Society there is no probable prospect that the charge thereof can in any convenient time be defrayed out of the House stock. And whereas M^r Searle hath consented for the continuing the said Terace walk, to fill up and shape the same, and to make halfe the inside wall and all the palisadoes to be sett upon the east side of the same walk in the Benchers' Garden, and moreover to contribute double so much money as any other gentleman of this Society shall please to contribute towards the further charge of the said walk.—It is ordered that M^r Manby doe survey the upper walk in the Benchers' Garden, and bring in an estimate, at the next Councill, of the remainder of the charge relating to the said walk, above what M^r Searle hath consented to beare, to the end the same may be communicated to the gentlemen of this Society. And that it be proposed to them to subscribe, and pay at the time of such their subscription, what they shall please to contribute toward the charge of the said walk; and that the Order made at the last Councill touching the said Terrace walk be suspended."

"Ordered that M^r Manby doe bring to the next Councill a draught of a five foot passage to be taken out of the kitchen

* On the north wall of No. 11, New Square, is a stone tablet with this inscription:—"This Terrace Walk was finished and completed in the year of our Lord, 1694.—Edward Byde, Esq., Treasurer."

garden at the south west part, and for a wall to be erected by M^r Searle at his charge, of such height and in such manner to inclose the remainder of the kitchen garden on the south side thereof, as the Masters of the Bench shall think fitt."

Council held on May 23rd, 1690.

Six Benchers present.

- fo.* 326. "Whereas in pursuance of an Order made at the last Councell touching the continuing of the Terrace walk through the Benchers's Garden, a computation hath bin taken of the remainder of the charge thereof over and above what M^r Serle hath proposed to beare; and that upon such computation, the said remainder of the charge is conceived to amount to the summe of £150, and upwards; And whereas by reason of the present debt upon the House there is no prospect of defraying the same out of the House stock in any reasonable time;—It is ordered that it be proposed to the Masters of the Bench, Associates, Barristers, and other gentlemen of this Society, to make subscriptions, as they shall think fitt, of what moneys they will please to contribute towards the remaining charge of continuing the said Terrace walk, above what M^r Searle hath proposed to beare, and to pay in to the Treasurer the severall summes to be by them subscribed within a short time."

Council held on June 2nd, 1690.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that those Barristers that brought in their Bar Moorts on days of discontinuance in this terme, doe performe their moot exercises in the next terme; and that those who first brought in their moorts upon such days of discontinuance, doe perform the first moot the next terme."

- fo.* 327. Call to the Bar, July 1st, 1690:
William Phillips, and William Wardour.

- fo.* 329. Council held on November 7th, 1690.
Six Benchers present.

- fo.* 330. "Whereas it hath bin proposed at this Councill that the Honourable Charles Egerton, Esq., being a descendant from the Lord Chancellour Egerton, (who was likewise of this Society), and the son and brother of an Earle and Peer of this Realme, and being likewise an Utter Barrister of this Society, wherein he hath honourably and worthily demeaned himselfe, is willing to pay £40 so that he may be associated to the Bench and be discharged of all his arreares to this time;—It is thereupon, and upon consideration of the present exigencies of this House for money,

ordered that the said M^r Charles Egerton, first paying the said £40 to the Treasurer, be called to be an Associate of the Bench, and be discharged of all his arreares to this House untill this time."

Council held on November 18th, 1690.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer, M^r Astry, and M^r Ewer, three of the Masters of the Bench, or any two of them, doe draw up some proposalls to be communicated to the Masters of the Bench in other Societyes, in order to be offered to the Judges, for the promoting the keeping up of commons in the severall Innes of Court, and for practising Barristers to have chambers in their respective Societyes; or to consider of any other proposalls to be soe communicated as may tend to the generall good of the four Innes of Court."

Council held on November 25th, 1690.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 331.

Call to the Bar: John Rolfe.

A Committee is appointed "to watch and consider the Bill depending in Parliament concerning M^r Searle's estate."*

Council held on November 28th, 1690.

fo. 332.

Eleven Benchers present.

M^r Francis Read is admitted to "that whole ground chamber under the Chappell" † vacant by the death of M^r Basil More, paying £55 for such admittance.

M^r [Henry] Appleton and M^r [William] Dobbins are to be invited to come to the Bench.

The lock of the Library door shall be altered, and the Benchers' keys fitted thereto.

"Upon intimacion given at this Council by one of the Masters of the Bench, of the Deane of S^t Paul's ‡ intentions of leaving this Society; and upon consideration of the debts and difficultyes under which this Society labours,—It is ordered that whenever M^r Deane shall please to leave this Society, the salary shall be reduced to his successors, Preachers to this Society, to £100 per annum, being the ancient salary."

fo. 333.

* See Appendix. Searle died this year.

† Probably under the stairs or vestibule.

‡ Dr. Tillotson was so appointed Nov. 19th, 1689.

*Accounts of William Coward, Esquire, the Treasurer.

Receipts: Including £65 13s. 1d. from Samuel Eyre, the late Treasurer; £40 from Charles Egerton, Esq., for his Association to the Bench; £9 from the Principal of Thavies Inn for two years' rent ending Michaelmas, 1690.

1691. Officers for 1691.

Treasurer: M^r Henry Long.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r John Greene.

Council held on January 27th, 2 William and Mary, 1691.
Fourteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Thomas Hobart.

fo. 334. "Whereas proposalls in writing were made at this Councell by the Right Honourable the Lord Chandois,† Henry Vincent, Esq., and D^r Barbon,‡ relating to Fickettfeilds and late M^r Serle's buildings there;—It is ordered that a Committee of all the Benchers of this Society, or of as many as please to attend, doe meet in the Councell Chamber at seaven of the clock in the evening on Fryday next; and that in the meantime M^r Guydott and M^r Martyn doe please to attend M^r Justice Eyre with the said proposalls, by reason the said M^r Justice Eyre was one of the then Benchers who signed the Articles made between the said Benchers and M^r Serle concerning the same."

Council held on February 3rd, 1691.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 335. "Whereas a Comittee of the Masters of the Bench was held on Fryday, the 30th of January last past, to consider of the propositions made then by the Right Honourable the Lord Chandois, Henry Vincent, Esq., and D^r Barbon, relating to Ficket Feilds and late M^r Serle's buildings there; And whereas at the said Comittee it was offerd that the said D^r Barbon would waive the said propositions made the last Councell for private buildings, and agree to build according to the Articles formerly made between the Masters of the Bench and the said M^r Serle concerning the said buildings in Fickettfeilds, to which the said Comittee did agree;—It is now resolved that this

* An imperfect roll.

† James Brydges, 8th Baron Chandos of Sudeley.

‡ Nicholas Barbon, M.D., a considerable speculator and builder after the Fire.
See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

Councell doth agree with the Comittee, so farr as may be consistent with the said Articles, with other the agreements of M^r Serle at subsequent Councells, and with the rights of this House."

Council held on February 9th, 1691.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that D^r Barbon's proposition to build an office for the Six Clerks in the middle of M^r Serle's square, be wholly rejected."

Council held on February 12th, 1691.

fo. 336.

Nine Benchers present.

"Memorand. D^r Barbon did appear at this Councell, and agree to proceed upon the buildings in Fickettfeilds according to the Articles with M^r Searle."

Council held on February 17th, 1691.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that D^r Barbon be permitted and have leave to make the passage eight foot wide to the Bog-house intended to be built for the use of this Society."

"Wheras D^r Barbon did now propose to raise the Terrace walk in the Benchers' or Lower Garden, equal to the Terrace walk in the Upper Garden and as high, and to continue the same the length of both the said Gardens, and gravell the same; and also to support, uphold and make good the wall upon the west side of the said Benchers' or Lower Garden next Great Lincoln's Inne Feilds, as also to put land tyes if there be occasion; and farther, to make and build a low brick wall on the east side of the said Terrace walk so to be raised, answerable all along to that in the said Upper or Great Garden; And moreover to make and sett up a palizado pale between the Terrace walk to be made and [the] Lower or Bench Garden; and lastly to cope with stone the said wall on the west side of the said Benchers' Garden all along, answerable to the coping in the Great or Upper Garden. And all this D^r Barbon did here in Councell propose to doe and finish before Michaelmas next come twelve month, so that he may have leave and be permitted to carry and lay the earth there which he is obliged to dig and carry off in Fickett feilds in order to finish his buildings there; and have £100 from this Society when the said Terrace walk shall be so finished, as above said." Ordered accordingly. *fo. 337.*

Council held on May 13th, 1691.

fo. 338.

Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

"Ordered that M^r Dobbins, first paying the one half of his absent commons and the whole of all other duties, be publish'd a Bencher at the next exercise, on Fryday next."

BOOK X.

Council held on May 25th, 1691.

fo. 1.

Ten Benchers present.

The Treasurer is to pay £50 to the Archbishop of Canterbury elect, for his salary as Preacher up to the end of Hilary Term last.*

M^r Brown, the [Divinity] Reader, shall receive £12 "in part for his preaching M^r Colfer's Lecture, out of the first moneys shall be received out of that charity."

fo. 3.†

Council held on June 29th, 1691.

Fourteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that two new keys be made to two locks of the Archives,† and the two locks altered forthwith, and that the keys be delivered to M^r Treasurer and the Blackbook Keeper."

"M^r Turner and M^r Strode, two Barristers of this Society, attended at this Councell with a paper subscrib'd by themselves and seaverall other Barristers and students of this House, pretending right to the election of a Preacher to this Society in the room of D^r Tillotson, Dean of Paul's, lately promoted to the Archbishoprick of Canterbury. The said M^r Turner and M^r Strode being withdrawn, this Councell took into consideration the [manner] of election; and upon search of the Books of Orders of this House, and presidents therein, It is unanimously agreed and resolved that the right of election of a Preacher is and always hath been in the Masters of the Bench only, and not in the gentlemen of this Society under the Bench."

Council held on July 1st, 1691.

Fourteen Benchers present.

fo. 2.†

"Ordered at this Councell that the Masters of the Bench doe in seniority, one after another, nominate a fit person to preach every Sunday in the Chappell of this House untill a Preacher shall be chosen; and that in case any one of the Masters of the Bench shall faile to nominate a fit person, so to preach as aforesaid, in his turn, that then M^r Brown, the Chaplain to this Society, having eight days' notice, shall provide a Preacher for that turn. And M^r Treasurer is also order'd to pay one ginney to every person that shall so preach, untill a Preacher shall be elected to this Society."

* Dr. Tillotson was elected Archbishop of Canterbury on May 16th, and consecrated on the 31st.

† This folio is misplaced.

‡ See ante p. 114.

"Whereas it hath been reported to the Masters of the Bench at this Councell that D^r Barbon and such as claim under M^r Searle doe intend to place the new Bog-house, to be built for this Society, nearer or adjoyning to the Kitchen Garden wall then he or they ought to doe, and which, if done, will be to the great annoyance of the inhabitants of those chambers adjoyning to the said Kitchen Garden; and that he or they doe propose and intend to erect seaverall buildings in the void place between the east row of the new buildings and Chichester's Rents, and elsewhere, to the stopping of the air, contrary to the Articles and Agreements, and also in opposition to subsequent Orders of this Councell which the said M^r Searle had agreed unto in his lifetime, and which were in part executed.—It is now ordered at this Councell that Sir James Butler [and other Benchers] be and are appointed a Committee to consider and take care how best to prevent the said Bog-house and other buildings from being erected and built, or any other thing done, contrary to the said Articles and Agreements, to the prejudice of this Society. And it is farther ordered that the said Committee doe use all means to prevent and hinder the same."

Council held on July 3rd, 1691.

Six Benchers present.

M^r Brown, the Chaplain, is to provide fit persons to preach on the several monthly fast days till next term.

Council held on October 29th, 1691.

Eleven Benchers present.

Ordered that "the passage in the new buildings towards Sheer Lane be kept open as a passage to Lincoln's Inn."

Council held on November 6th, 1691.

fo. 4.

Eleven Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed "to inspect and consider of the ground, wayes, and passages belonging to this Society without the Back Gate, in or neare Ficketts Feild; and that the said ground, wayes and passages be measured, in order to discourse with D^r Barbon concerning the same."

Council held on November 13th, 1691.

Fifteen Benchers present, including Henry Powle, Master of the Rolls.

"Ordered that M^r Edward Maynard* be and is chosen Preacher to this Society in the place of the Archbishop of Canterbury."

* See *Dict. of Nat. Biog.*

Council held on November 18th, 1691.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

John Isaackson ; to be published at the second part of the next moot.

fo. 5. Henry Long, Esq., the present Treasurer, has lately given a velvet cloth and cushion for the pulpit in the Chapel. His name shall be entered among the Benefactors.

"Ordered that M^r Maynard, chosen Preacher to this Society, have the same exhibition and allowances that the Arch Bishop had when he was chosen Preacher, and that the same duty and attendance be expected from him." *

fo. 6. Call to the Bar, November 28th, 1691 :
Thomas Washer; to take the Sacrament before publication.

Council held on December 4th, 1691.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

Richard Abbot, James Whitrong and John Hawles, Esquires.
On a petition signed by twenty-seven Barristers and Students asking for the keeping of vacation commons,—Ordered accordingly, if twenty-one gentlemen will bind themselves to keep the same.

1692. Officers for 1692 :

Treasurer: M^r Nicholas Martyn.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Isaac Ewer.

fo. 6 (2). Council held on February 4th, 3 William and Mary, 1692.
Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Henry Martin.

"Ordered that all Offices exercised by any of the Masters of the Bench be from henceforth made annuall as well as those of the Treasurer and Black-Book-Keeper; and that the said Officers exercising the same be respectively accountable at the end of the year they leave the same." All Officers who have not accounted, must do so before the last Council this term.

Council held on February 8th, 1692.
Eight Benchers present.

fo. 7. "Ordered that the railes of the Lower or Bench Garden be forthwith repaired; and if the charge of such repaires be not paid

* See *ante*, p. 34.

to the Treasurer by the persons concerned in the breaking the said rails, before the next Councell, that then the servants and porters of the House attend the Councell to give an account of the names of the persons who broke the said railles."

Council held on February 12th, 1692
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: [William] Norcliff.

"Ordered that the patten of the Chappell be changed for a better, and a summe not exceeding £4 to be added in the exchange."

"Ordered that it be considered at the first Councell of next terme concerning buildings upon the dead wall next Chancery Lane, or of any other wayes in order to putt the House out of debt."

"Mdm.—M^r Astry left the chair without consent of the Counsell, when D^r Barbon was called in."

"Ordered that it be considered at the first Councell of next terme whether it be regular for the Chairman to leave the chair without consent of the Councell."*

Council held on February 17th, 1692.
Seven Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed to "consider the Articles made with M^r Serle, and all Orders relating thereto, and enquire how farr they have bin and shall be complied with or violated: and from time to time require from D^r Barbon a strict performance." *fo. 8.*

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer and M^r Long doe direct the setting up the Boundary Stone prepared by M^r Long, and D^r Barbon is to be desired to be present if he think fitt."†

Council held on April 19th, 1692.
Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the intended new bogghouse be not placed nearer to the kitchen garden wall than the outside of the seaventh window of the new building, and so to be carryed on southward ;

* M^r Astry was the senior Bencher at this Council. M^r Martyn, the Treasurer, was present.

† A stone tablet fixed in the east wall of No. 11, New Square, bears this inscription:—"Solum super quod hæc structura erigitur, ab australi parte hujus saxi 54 pedes cum pollice septentrionem versus continens, pertinet ad Societatem hanc. Ac eciam tota terræ portio ab hoc saxo orientem versus usque ad limitem veteris structuræ horto culinari proximum." Above are the date, 1691, and initials of Henry Long, the Treasurer in that year. In the left hand corner is a lion rampant, the arms then used by the Inn, as to which see note, p. 14.

and that D^r Barbon be desired to beginn and finish the said new bogghouse forthwith."

fo. 9. Call to the Bar, May 6th, 1692 :
Hugh Hodges.

fo. 10. Call to the Bar, May 9th, 1692 :
William Loraine and William Gratwick.

fo. 11. Call to the Bar, June 7th, 1692 :
Richard Lloyd.

Council held on June 21st, 1692.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that D^r Barbon shall be admitted into this Society, and to the chamber he now inhabits."

fo. 12. "Ordered that M^r Treasurer be desired to write to the Lord Chief Justice Reynolds *, and any other of the Judges in Ireland; and to request them, in the behalfe of this Society, that M^r Charles Richarsy, or any other Irish gent. of this Society, (not being therein called to the Barr), may not be admitted to practise in Ireland as a Barrister at Law before such time as he shall have a certificate of his *bene discessit*, under the hand of the Treasurer of this Society for the time being."

Council held on October 27th, 1692.

Eight Benchers present.

"D^r Barbon attending this Council, the Masters of the Bench claimed, and are of opinion and declare, that, by virtue of the Articles made between M^r Serle and this Society, there ought to be a wall built by the purchasers of M^r Serle's interest, to begin at the south east corner of the kitchin garden and to be carryed on tenn foot distant from Chichester Rents and other buildings lying south thereof, down towards Bell Yard, as far as the south end of the east range of buildings of Serle's Court, and thence that a cross wall be carryed unto the south east end of the same range of buildings; in which cross wall a gate ought to be made for all carts and carriages; and that all the ground between the said walls, so to be built, and the said range of buildings, ought to be for the sole use and convenience of this Society, and that no more buildings be erected on the said ground, so to be inclosed, than what are already built."

"And it is also ordered that the old Bill in Chancery, against Doctor Barbon and others, be continued and amended as to new parties and charges, and that M^r Treasurer take care therein."

* Richard Reynell, C.J.K.B. Ireland.

Council held on November 21st, 1692.

fo. 13.

Ten Benchers present.

Six gentlemen, "who, having no chambers in this House, yet contrary to the Rules of this Society, lodge within this House in severall other gentlemen's chambers," must attend the next Council.

M^r Serjeant Coward and M^r Serjeant Powys are allowed a year in which to dispose of their chambers.* fo. 14.

† M^r Cavendish Weedon is admitted into a whole Chamber or apartment in the floor over the lowest rooms in Serle's Court, on the west side of the second staircase westward from that gate in the said Court which leads to Bell Yard. He pays no fine to the House, according to the Articles, this being the first admission.

Accounts of Nicholas Martyn, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 22nd, 1692, to Jan. 22nd, 1693.

Receipts: £840 18s. 6d. Including £79 18s. 4d. from Henry Long, Esq., the late Treasurer; £1 each from M^r Thomas Fisher and M^r David White for graves under the Chapel; £16 19s. from M^r Colfer's executors.

Payments: £799 12s. 3d. Including £11 7s. to William Kellaway for two loads of pots, salts and candlesticks; £10 19s. 4d. for money and purse given to Samuel Eyre, Serjeant at Law; the like to William Coward and to Littleton Powys, Serjeants at Law; £16 8s. to John Longland, architect.

Balance: £41 6s. 3d.

Officers for 1693:

1693.

Treasurer: M^r John Green.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Edward Byde.

Dean of the Chapel: Sir James Butler.

Keeper of the Library: M^r John Eldred.

Council held on February 13th, 5 William and Mary, fo. 17.

1693.

Eleven Benchers present.

M^r Astrey and M^r Martyn are desired to prepare a draught of an Order relating to the exercises to be performed both by the Barristers and students of this Society, in the vacations.

"Ordered that Sir James Butler [and other Benchers] doe wait upon his Grace the Arch Bishop of Canterbury,† and return him the hearty thanks of the Society for his extraordinary favor

* Samuel Eyre, William Coward and Littleton Powys were called to be Serjeants this year from Lincoln's Inn.

† Red Book II, p. 10; Serle's Court Book I, p. 12.

‡ Tillotson.

in administring the Sacrament, and for his most admirable sermon ; and to acquaint him that it is the unanimous desire and request of the whole Society to his Grace that he would be pleased to order the sermon to be printed."

"Ordered that the Library Keeper doe enter the name of M^r Long, one of the Masters of the Bench, into the List of Benefactors of this House, for his generous present to the Society of a crimson velvett pulpitt cloath, bordered round with a rich gold fringe, and a crimson velvet cushion."

fo. 18.

Council held on May 10th, 1693.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r John Scott is appointed Steward during the pleasure of the Bench ; he must give a bond for £600, with three others besides himself.

"Ordered that Sir James Butler, Deane of the Chappell, be desired to give 10s. to M^r Gookin before the end of this terme, out of the charity money, upon condicion he doe not beg within this Society, and if he come within this House for that purpose, the officers are hereby ordred to turn him out, and he to expect no further releife."

Council held on May 23rd, 1693.

Nine Benchers present.

"Whereas upon solemne and mature deliberation had of the great inconveniencies which did arise to this Society by reason of keeping Ember Weekes and fish daies other then Frydaies and Satterdaies in every week, by reason whereof severall gentlemen put themselves out of commons and deserted the Hall, being unwilling to be tied to eat such unwholsome diet as salt fish and ling in the summer season, to the great prejudice of their healthes —Tis therefore ordered for the future that no Ember Weekes or fish daies, other then Frydaies and Satterdaies in every week, be observed in this Society, and that flesh be provided for dinners on all other daies ; but that all fasting eves remaine still as they were."

fo. 19.

Council held on July 3rd, 1693.

Eight Benchers present.

Nine gentlemen, "inhabitants in the new buildings in Serl Court," are ordered to attend and be admitted into their respective chambers, according to the rules of the House.

Richard Savage is appointed Cook to the Society, during pleasure.

"Ordered that all the rubbish, ashes, dirt, and filth of this House and likewise of Serle Court, be carried and laid in the

Base Court beyond Bog House Court; and that the Cheif Porter give notice thereof to all the inhabitants in Serle Court, and that the Panierman doe give notice thereof to all landresses and others in the old House; and that the Panierman, as more particularly belonging to his place, doe take especiall care to see the same performed."

"Ordered that Sir Thomas Cooke be desired forthwith to finish the gardiner's house, and to put up particions and all other conveniences and necessities within the said house, and to erect a decent and hansom raile or paile on the outside before the said house."

"Ordered that Sir Thomas Cooke be desired forthwith to build a brick wall for the inclosing the back yard beyond the Bog House Court, for the use of the House, according to the true meaning and intention of M^r Serle's Articles with this Society, which are as follow:—'It is agreed that the said Henery Serle, his heires, executors, administrators, and assignes, shall and will at his and their like costs and charges, erect a good and sufficient brick wall, of a brick and a half thick and tenn foot high, to run southward from the south east corner of the said kitchin garden wall, and range equall with the buildings on the east side of the said Feilds, tenn foot distance from the same, towards Bell Yard, and to extend to that place which shall range equally with the outside of the said third range of buildings, and from thence to goe again in a direct line to the south east corner of the said new buildings; in the latter part of which said new wall shall be a sufficient gate-place, and a sufficient gate sett upp, for all sorts of carts and carriages to goe in and out thereat.' Ordered that the Cheif Butler doe wait upon Sir Thomas Cooke with this Order."

Council held on July 5th, 1693.

Seven Benchers present.

James Jackson is appointed Porter to the Back Gate and Postern Gate of Serle Court until next Michaelmas; he is to observe the same order as to letting in coaches as is used at the Chancery Lane Gate. *fo. 2c*

Council held on October 31st, 1693

Eleven Benchers present.

Sixteen inhabitants of Serle Court must show cause why they are not admitted to their respective chambers, and those of them who are not admitted to the House must also show cause why they are not so admitted.

Council held on November 10th, 1693.

Seven Benchers present.

- fo. 21.* "Ordered that every person that shall be admitted into any chambers or parts of chambers in Serle Court shall upon their admission enter into a bond of £40 penalty to pay their commons and to pay and perform all other duties to the House."

"Upon the information of M^r Custerton, chief workeman to Sir Thomas Cook, that the old wall towards Lincolne's Inne Feilds, being very infirme and weak, will hardly be able to support the Terrace Walk;" the bricklayers and carpenters of the Society are ordered to inspect and report.

Call to the Bar, November 18th, 1693 :
William Gwidott junior.

Call to the Bar, November 24th, 1693 :
Robert Drake.

- fo. 22.* Council held on November 28th, 1693.
Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Morse sollicite in the suite between this Society and Sir Thomas Cook, and that he apply himself in it to M^r Ewers, M^r Holford and M^r Dobyns, three of the Masters of the Bench."

Council held on December 6th, 1693.
Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Parishioners and Churchwardens of Saint Clement's Dane have leave from this Society to put up a boundary stone into the wall of the new building westward in Serle Court, at their own proper costs and charges, and without doing any detriment or prejudice to the said building. Upon their petition."*

"Ordered that no commons be sent out of the kitchen to gentlemen's chambers or other places, but onely into the Hall."

Accounts of John Greene, Esquire, the Treasurer, from January 22nd, 1693, to January 22nd, 1694.

Receipts: £968 19s. 4d. Including £16 19s. from the executors of Henry Colfer.

Payments: £908 17s. 11d. Including 2s. 6d. for strawberries and lemons.

Balance: £60 1s. 5d.

* This stone, having on it an anchor, the letters, S. C. D., and the date 1693, is still in place on the east front of No. 11, New Square.

Officers for 1694 :

1694.

Treasurer: M^r Edward Byde.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Richard Holford.

Dean of the Chapel: M^r Luke Astry.

Keeper of the Library: M^r William Gwydott.

Council held on January 29th, 5 William and Mary, 1694. *fo.* 23.

Six Benchers present.

"Order'd that noe Order of Councell doe affect any Master of the Bench unles it bee soe perticularly expressed in the Order, as hath been heretofore ordered." *

The porters and other servants of the Inn are authorised to demand and receive a fine of 6d. from every laundress or other person whom they can find emptying slops or ashes, etc., in any part of the Inn except the Base Court, "and may for their better encouragement in their dilligence herein dispose the said penalty to their owne use."

Council held on February 5th, 1694.

Five Benchers present.

M^r Serjeant Powis has a year more allowed him in which to dispose of his chamber. *fo.* 24.

Council held on February 12th, 1694.

Nine Benchers present.

Sir Thomas Cook, Knight, is admitted a Fellow of this Society. He is made a Barrister and an Associate to the Bench, on payment of £50. *fo.* 25.

Ordered that M^r John Symonds be entered as a benefactor for his gift of five books to the Library, being the *Synopsis Criticorum*.†

"Ordered that M^r Renier‡ and all gentlemen who shall be admitted of this Society, haveing been formerly admitted of any other Inns of Court, shalbe allowed all priviledges and advantages they were justly intituled to at the other Inns of Court."

Call to the Bar: John Hall.

Council held on February 15th, 1694.

Five Benchers present.

M^r Gwydott, the Library Keeper, is desired to leave the keys of the Library and archives with the Chief Butler, before he goes out of town. *fo.* 26.

* See Vol. II, p. 45.

† By Mathew Pole or Poole, London, 1669-76, still in the Library.

‡ Probably James Regnier, adm. Jan. 24, 1694.

Council held on April 30th, 1694.

Eight Benchers present.

"Upon mocion made by M^r Treasurer that, pursuant to the nominacion of Sir Thomas Cooke, M^r Henry Penton, a Barrester of this Society, may bee admitted into the chamber, one paire of staires, lookeing on the Terras Walke, in the staire case built on the ground belonging to this Society,* granted to the said M^r Serle for severall assignements, and into the vaults built in the Court before the said staire case"—the same shall be considered.†

fo. 27.

A book is to be provided for Serle's Court, in which shall be entered the Articles made between this Society and M^r Serle, and all Orders since made relating to the ground or buildings; also all future Orders, and all admittances to chambers there.

Call to the Bar: George Lysons.

"The Masters of the Bench, haveing taken consideracion of the generous present made to this Society by M^{rs} Dionisse Long, relict of Henry Long, Esq., deceased, late one of the Masters of the Bench, being a velvett covering and two large crimson velvett cushions for the Communion Table, and a velvett covering for the Reader's desk, border'd round with a rich gold fringe, like to that which the said Master Long in his life time presented for the pulpitt cloath and cushion,‡ doe order that the Library Keeper doe forthwith enter the said M^{rs} Dionisse Long amongst the Benefactors of this House for her said generous present; and that the hearty thanks of the Masters of the Bench, on behalfe of themselves and the Society, bee given to her for the same by letter, to be subscribed by the Treasurer and sent to her, shee being now in the country."

"The letter written to M^{rs} Long by Edward Byde, Esq., Treasurer."

"By comand from the Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of Lyncolne's Inne, I doe render to you their hearty thanks for your generous present to the said Society, which they accepted very kindly. And as a gratefull acknowledg-ment they have ordered your name to bee enroll'd amongst their Benefactors, and doe most heartily wish your welfare and prosperity, of which they shalbe glad to bee informed.

"I am, Madam, with great respect,

"Your humble Servant,

"4 May, 1694.

"EDW: BYDE, Trer."

"To Madam Dionisse Long,

"These present."

* No. 11, New Square.

† He was admitted on May 4th.

‡ See *ante*, p. 184.

Council held on May 10th, 1694.

fo. 28.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that all persons inhabiting in Serle's Court and not admitted of this Society, doe, by the next Councell, procure themselves to bee admitted of this Society, or remove out of the said buildings; and that those who are admitted of the Society doe by the next Councell attend M^r Treasurer with their respective titles or nominacions to their respective chambers, and bee admitted to the said respective chambers; or, in default or neglect thereof, all the said respective chambers to be then forthwith padlock'd, according to the rules and usage of the House."

Call to the Bar, May 18th, 1694 :
George Nayler, and John Pedley.

fo. 29.

Council held on June 11th, 1694.

fo. 30.

"Ordered that the inhabitants of the shopps att the end of Holborne Row in Lincolne's Inn Feilds, [at Turnestile, *margin*], fronting Lincoln's Inn Garden, bee forthwith indicted and prosecuted for a nuisance in erecting and continueing a pump there, and throwing their wast water downe the gutter before the said Garden, to the annoyance of this Society."

Council held on June 18th, 1694.

fo. 31.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that . . . Sir Thomas Cooke, within four dayes after notice hereof, doe nominate to the Treasurer six persons, fitly quallified to bee admitted of this Society, and to bee also admitted into the six chambers now occupied by the Commissioners for Stamping Paper and Parchment."

Council held on June 27th, 1694.

fo. 33.

Seven Benchers present.

M^r John Cooke, eldest son of Sir Thomas Cooke, is admitted a Fellow, and also admitted into two chambers "in the staire case on the west side of Serle Court, neare the Posterne Gate leading to Clare Markett."*

During this vacation the Treasurer may admit fit persons, both as Fellows of the Society and also to chambers in Serle Court, pursuant to the Articles made with M^r Serle.

Council held on July 2nd, 1694.

fo. 34.

M^r Custerton is to be paid £100 for finishing "the Terras Walke and the pallisadoe pales."

* There was formerly a passage into Searle St. between Nos. 9 and 10, New Square.

fo. 35.

Council held on October 29th, 1694.
Seven Benchers present.

Complaint having been made that several of the servants of the Society have gone into the country in vacation time, and absented themselves without leave, "It is ordered that from this time none of the servants of this Society doe presume to goe into the country without leave first obtained from two of the Masters of the Bench, whereof M^r Treasurer to bee one, if in towne."

Council held on November 6th, 1694.
Ten Benchers present.

fo. 36.

"Itt being moved by some of the Masters of the Bench that Robert Dormer, Esq., an antient Barrester of this Society, being now Chancellor of the County Pallatine of Durham, and a person very well deserveing all due respect from this Society, may be made an Associate of the Bench," Ordered accordingly; he must enter into a bond that he will come to the Bench when called in his turn.

M^r Thomas Windford, an ancient Barrister, and one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, is made an Associate of the Bench, paying as much as any Prothonotary has previously paid for the like favour.

James Jackson is made Porter of Serle Court; he is to have a gown and staff as the other Porter has.

Council held on November 15th, 1694.
Six Benchers present.

fo. 37.

Call to the Bar :

William Lysons, John Glanville, Thomas Windford, and Henry Fleming.

"Itt being now moved on behalfe of D^r Maynard, the Preacher of this Society, hee being lately marryed and now liveing at a great distance, that it is very inconvenient for him and his servant to come to the Hall for their commons, and therefore makes it his request to have the allowance in money for his and his servant's commons, hee submitting to pay for his commons when he shall take the same in the Hall, (which hee designes as often as hee can conveniently); Whereof this Councell haveing consider'd, itt is order'd accordingly."

Accounts of Edward Byde, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 22nd, 1694, to Jan. 22nd, 1695.

Receipts: £1,237 4s. 10d. Including £55 from Sir Thomas Cooke, Knight, for his Association to the Bench; £16 19s. from the executors of Henry Colfer.

Payments: 1,113 13s. 7d. Including 6d. for coffee.
Balance: £123 11s. 3d.

Officers for 1695:

1695.

Treasurer: M^r John Hawles, K.C.
Keeper of the Black Book: M^r William Dobbys.
Dean of the Chapel: M^r William Guydott.
Library Keeper: M^r Thomas Jones.

Council held on May 6th, 7 William III, 1695.*

fo. 41.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that D^r Maynard be desired to print his sermons preached in this Chappell against the Socinians."

Council held on June 12th, 1695.

fo. 43.

Five Benchers present.

M^r Rich has leave to make a passage into Chichester's Rents, according to the propositions by him lately made to the Bench. The passage shall be subject to such Orders as the Bench shall make from time to time concerning the same.

Sir Thomas Millington has leave to open a passage on the north side of the gardener's house, through that part of the kitchen garden, "and make the wall straight, and of an equal height, soe as to answer the end of such designed passage to and from the said Sir Thomas Millington's intended new buildings;" but he is not to open the passage or to break down the wall until further Order; he must make a recompence to the House equal in value to that which M^r Rich is to make. When completed he must place a lamp in the passage, which shall always remain subject to the Rules and Orders of the Society.

The gardener must prohibit "all unfitting persons and boyes from goeing into the garden, at his perill;" a copy of this Order must be put upon the gate.

Council held on November 8th, 1695.

fo. 44.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Robert Dry is re-appointed Steward.†

All gentlemen hereafter admitted to this Society, must, if of full age, either find manucaptors or give a bond for £40; those under age may procure some other person to give bond for them.

* Queen Mary died on Dec. 28th, 1694; no change was made in the calculation of the regnal years.

† He had previously been Steward from 1689 to 1693. See *ante*, pp. 169, 184.

fo. 45.

Council held on November 19th, 1695.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

"Upon the humble petition of M^r Richard Turner, one of the Fellows of this Society, setting forth that he had liv'd five years with an attorney, spent some time in the Plantacions, and had been two yeares admitted of this Society; that he designed forthwith to goe to the Island of Barbadoes, with purpose not to retorne in many yeares; and therefore prayed to be excused for his non-performance of exercise, declaring that he designed not to take any advantage of his seniority, or to practice in England till he shall bee of full standing." Ordered accordingly; "the said M^r Turner giving to this Society an obligation of £50 penalty, with condicion not to practice in England nor claime any seniority by virtue of this Call to the Barr till his full standing of seven years, to pay all duties to the House and the moyety of all absent commons for the five yeares dispensed with by this Order; and upon executing such bond, the said M^r Turner bee published a Barrister next Barr moot."

Council held on November 28th, 1695.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that Sir Thomas Millington have leave to open a passage, on the north side of the gardener's house, to his new erected buildings, upon condition that the said Sir Thomas Millington doe first raise the wall on the south side of the kitchen garden two foot, and likewise raise all that part of the wall on the east side of the said kitchen garden two foot more in height then the same now is; that hee likewise sett upp and fix a sufficient wooden gate, and a boundary stone (if thought fitt), in such places as M^r Treasurer shall appoint; And that the said Sir Thomas Millington doe alsoe performe all other his contracts and agreements made between him and this Society." *

1696. Officers for 1696 :

Treasurer : Sir Richard Holford.

Keeper of the Black Book : M^r William Dobyns.

M^r James Wittewrong.

Dean of the Chapel : M^r William Guidott.

Library Keeper : M^r Nicholas Martyn.

* There is no Treasurer's Roll for this year. On the front of the Gate House, under the royal arms, is a stone inscribed "Insignia hæc refecta et decorata Johanne Hawles Armig. Solicitat. General. Thesaurario 1695."

Council held on January 28th, 7 William III, 1696. *fo. 46.*
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

William Norris, upon reading a certificate from the Treasurer of the Middle Temple that he was of full standing in that Society. He shall not have "any priviledge of seniority or precedency, save only from the commencement of seaven yeares next preceeding this his call to the Barr."

"Ordered that all persons inhabiting in Searle's Court who have not paid the Preacher's Roll and other duties of the House, bee proceeded against according to the Rules of this Society."

Council held on February 12th, 1696. *fo. 47.*
Five Benchers present.

"In order to prevent all disorders for the future, It is ordered that all the back gates of this House bee kept shut by the Porters of this Society on every Lord's Day, durement the time of Divine Service and Sermons."

Council held on April 30th, 1696.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer bee desired to take care to remedy the nuisance of the ditch in Great Lincolne's Inne Fields."

James Wittewrong, Esq., is appointed Black Book Keeper, M^r Abbott being sick.*

Council held on May 20th, 1696. *fo. 48.*
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Order concerning M^r Weedon's proposalls bee suspended till the first Councill next terme, and that he may proceed only in erecting the pillar and clock, &c., in Serl's Court, according to his proposalls."

Call to the Bench : *fo. 49.*
Robert Dormer, Esq., at present an Associate to the Bench.

Council held on May 25th, 1696.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

Henry Penton, William Cook, John Keen, and Samuel Somerford, Esquires; to be published at the first exercise next term.

* It was Abbott's turn, according to his seniority. M^r Dobbys was merely continued until further order.

Call to the Bar:
Robert Button, Joseph Thurston, and [Edward] Wilmott.

Council held on June 17th, 1696.
Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:
M^r Robert Dormer, to be published at this exercise. M^r Edwin Griffin * and M^r Eldred Lancelot Lee, to be published at the next
fo. 50. exercise.

"Upon M^r Webb's letter to M^r Treasurer signifieng as if he expected to be called to the Bench, It is ordered that his seniority be saved till hee shall be in town, or further Order."

Council held on June 27th, 1696.
Nine Benchers present.
fo. 51. "Ordered that six pews in the nave of the Chappell be reserved for the Benchers till the singing Psalmes begins; That the three uppermost pews on the south side of the Chappell and two pews on the back of the Benchers' pews, be reserved for the senior Barresters."

fo. 52. Council held on November 6th, 1696.
Thirteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:
Sir John Franklin, Knight, with his seniority saved; he is requested to give his answer by the next Council.

Call to the Bar: Charles Button.

fo. 53. Council held on November 7th, 1696.
Sixteen Benchers present.

"Upon debate of the matter relateing to M^r Dormer's seniority in relation to the Benchers of the late call; after he, together with M^r Edwin Griffin, M^r Henry Penton, M^r Eldred Lancelott Lee, M^r William Coke and M^r John Keene, was withdrawne by consent; the question being put whether the said M^r Dormer shall have the precedence of the others, it passed in the negative."†

* *Edmund*, on call to the Bar, *ante*, pp. 75, 77.

Dormer was junior to all the others, but was Chancellor of the County Palatine of Durham. See *ante*, p. 190.

Council held on November 13th, 1696.

Six Benchers present.

Mr Asgill's chamber in Serle's Court shall be padlocked, as he is not a member of this Society.

Council held on November 20th, 1696.

Seven Benchers present.

"Whereas the chamber in Serle's Court wherein Mr John Asgill lodgeth was by a former Order, for the just cause therein mentioned, to be forthwith padlockt, which accordingly was done by the Porter of this Society; but the said Mr Asgill soone after caused the padlocke to be broken off, and had before threatened to pistoll any that should putt any padlock on the said chamber.—Wherefore it is ordered that an affidavit be made of the trueth of the matter by the Porters of this Society, and that Mr Treasurer and Mr Wittewrong doe attend the Lord Chiefe Justice,* and desire his Lordship's warrant against Mr Asgill, or that his Lordship would be pleased to take such other course as his Lordship shall think reasonable."

Council held on November 28th, 1696.

fo. 54.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that Sir Thomas Coke † be acquainted that it is the opinion of the Masters of the Bench in Councell that he ought to allow James Jackson, the Porter of Serle's Court, att the least £10 per annum, besides the lodg and lodgings which he now hath."

Officers for 1697 :

1697.

Treasurer : Mr William Dobbins.

Keeper of the Black Book : Mr James Wittewronge.

Dean of the Chapel : Mr Nicholas Martin.

Master of the Library : Mr John Greene.

Council held on January 29th, 8 William III, 1696.

fo. 55.

Nine Benchers present.

"William Martyn, late of Lincoln's Inn in the County of Middlesex, Esq., did by his last will and testament, beareing date the 1st day of August, 1696, give bequeath and appoint as followeth verbatim, viz^t :—

"And whereas I have justly due unto me by Cuthbert Brereton of Norwich and John Brereton, his brother, the summe

* Probably Sir John Holt, C.J.K.B.

† Or Cooke; one of the proprietors of Searle's Court.

of £2,000 principall money, besides a yeare's interest att £5 per cent., except £5 os. 6d. received, which yeare ends the 15th day of this present August; which £2000 and interest is secured to me and my heires by a conveyance, inrolled in Chancery, of the revercion or inheritance of the Manor of Bastwick, with seven severall farmes, and lands in the parishes of Carleton S^t Peter, Claxton, and elsewhere adjoining, in the County of Norfolk; wherein both the said Breretons craftily and wickedly defrauded me by disposing of my money taken out of the hands of Sir Jacob Asteley, Baronett, contrary to their own agreement and the covenant under the hand and seale of the said Cuthbert Brereton: on which estate (according to my best information) there may be debts and legacies of M^r Thomas Gilbert's, pryor to my title, to the value of about £2,000, more or lesse. And as a further security for the said debt to me, the said Cuthbert Brereton hath assigned to me a judgment obteyned by the said Cuthbert Brereton against Sir Edmond Dowlay, Baronett, upon which it is affirmed by the said Cuthbert Brereton there is at least £1,000 due: I doe give and devise unto my said executrix the interest of the said £2,000 which from the time of my decease shall grow due or be due att the time of my death, for and dureing the term of her natural life, she paying out of her receipts of the said interest the summe of £40 yearly, by quarterly payments, unto the Parson or Vicar of the parish church of Bures aforesaid, and to his successors, and also to the Reader of the Chappell in Lincoln's Inn and his successors the summe of £10 a yeare; and the residue of the incombe or proceed of the said £2,000 (after the said payments made) I give and bequeath unto my sayd wife for and dureing her life, to be by her employed towards her owne better maintenance, or to such other pious uses as she in her discretion shall think fitt: And from and after the decease of my said wife, I doe give and devise the said £2,000, and interest then after to grow due, unto Sir James Butler, Knight, Sir Thomas Powis, Knight, James Stedman and Luke Astry, Esquires, and other the Benchers and

fo. 56. Trustees for the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, and to their successors for ever, all my right and estate in and to the said £2,000, they applying the interest and produce thereof to such intents and purposes as is before expressed in relation to my wife: And I alsoe make it my request that the Benchers and Trustees of the said Society of Lincoln's Inne, as often as from time to time my wife shall have occasion to apply herselfe to them for advice or assistance, will vouchsafe to advise and direct her in the readiest and safest method they can. Item, I give and bequeath to the Preacher of the said Society who shall be in being att my decease, the summe of £5. Item, I make and ordeyne my dear

and loveing wife, M^{rs} Elizabeth Martyn, to be my full and sole executrix, and doe request Brother Silvester Chilcott to be supervisor thereof."

Council held on May 17th, 1697.

fo. 58.

Ten Benchers present.

The money borrowed by the House at interest now amounts to £1400. *fo. 59.*

As the Base Court constantly stands open, it has been commonly used by the inhabitants of Chichester Rents and others. It is now ordered that the doors be kept locked all day, except between 6 o'clock and 8 o'clock in the morning from Lady Day to Michaelmas, and between 7 o'clock and 9 o'clock in the morning from Michaelmas to Lady Day.

Call to the Bar, June 9th, 1697:
Mathew Lock.

fo. 60.

Council held on June 17th, 1697.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Mathew Lock, depositing 40s. into the hands of the Cheife Butler of this House, be permitted to goe out to the Barr upon a discontinued exercise this terme, he bringing in his full moot the next terme, that then his 40s. to be returned."

Call to the Bar: Simon Mason.

fo. 61.

Call to the Bar, November 10th, 1697:
Thomas Turner.

fo. 62.

Call to the Bar, November 20th, 1697:
William Williams and Thomas Greene.

fo. 64.

Council held on November 29th, 1697.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Browne, the [Divinity] Reader to this Society, doe forthwith pay into the hands of the Cheife Butler of this Society all the moneys which he hath received on account of the duties arising by a late Act of Parliament touching marriages and burials, with an exact account how and when it did arise."*

"Ordered that a comptacion betweene this Society and the Brethren of the Middle Temple be had as formerly."† *fo. 65.*

* Stat. 7 & 8 W. III. An Act for the enforcing the Laws which restrain Marriages without License or Banns, and for the better registering Marriages, Births and Burials.

† See Vol. I, p. 11.

Accounts of Williams Dobyns, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1697, to Jan. 23rd, 1698.

Receipts: £1187 5s. 1d. Including £41 18s. 3d. from Sir Richard Holford, balance from last year; £500 borrowed on bonds; £8 from the Principal of Thavies Inn, for two years' rent up to Michaelmas, 1695; £1 from M^r Edmund Hawles for a grave under the Chapel.

Payments: £1149 17s. 5d. Including £100 due on a bond; 19s. for sugar, lemons, coffee, tea and tobacco, at several times; £21 13s. 4d. to D^r Maynard, the tax on his stipend; £8 13s. 4d. to M^r Adam Browne, the Divinity Reader, for the like; £16 10s. to Richard Paxston, architect.

Balance: £37 7s. 8d.

1698. Officers for 1698:

Treasurer: M^r James Wittewronge.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Edwin Griffin.

Dean of the Chapel: M^r John Greene.

Master of the Library: M^r Edward Byde.

Council held on January 27th, 9 William III, 1698.

Nine Benchers present.

The chamber of Thomas Jones, Esq., a Bencher, shall be sold unless he pay his arrears by the next Council.

fo. 66.

Council held on February 5th, 1698.

Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Thomas York; he has leave "to goe out upon a discontinued exercise, he first paying two guineas to the Chief Buttlr, to be repayed him upon performance of the second part of his exercise the next terme."

fo. 67.

Call to the Bar, May 17th, 1698:

Simon Mason and Frederic Coleman.

Council held on May 24th, 1698.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that all the Masters of the Bench doe pay their absent commons and Preacher's Roll before the end of the term."

*James Wittewrong, Esq., is admitted to a ground chamber at No. 10, Serle's Court, on paying a fine of £10.

* Red Book II, p. 46; Serle Court Book I, p. 31. This appears to be the earliest instance of reference to chambers by their numbers. It did not become general for some time later.

Council held on June 2nd, 1698.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that no Order be made against the Benchers or any of them, but att such Councell where the major part of the Benchers in towne are present." *fo. 68.*

"Upon the petition of Ralph Smith, Joseph Dampny and John Inch, servants of this Society, It is ordered that the severall assessments upon their respective salaryes be paid out of the public treasury."

Call to the Bar, June 6th, 1698 :
Isaac Ewer.

Call to the Bar, June 29th, 1698 : *fo. 69.*
Mathew Hale.

Council held on July 20th, 1698.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that no person be admitted to make any alteracions in the Chappell, or to measure any part therein, without an Order of Councell." *fo. 70.*

Council held on November 9th, 1698.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Thomas Foulerton doe enter into a bond of £200 to M^r Treasurer, with condicion not to practise the law as a Barrister in England or Ireland untill seven yeares be passed from the time of his admission ; and that if he shall returne into England or Ireland to practise the law, he shall purchase a chamber or halfe a chamber in the House, and pay all his absent commons, vacacions and other dutyes that shall afterwards become due ; and shall before his going hence pay all his dutyes due till this time."

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer doe apply to some Justice for a warrant against M^r Phelps for breaking of the padlock putt on M^r Hodges' chamber." *fo. 71.*

Council held on November 14th, 1698.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Edmund Percivall; he must deposit 40s. with the Chief Butler, "as a caution that he will receive the Sacrament upon the next Sacrament day."

Also John Browne.

Council held on November 21st, 1698.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Thomas Fullarton.*

fo. 72. [A list of those who are in arrear for absent commons and the Preacher's Roll, 36 in number. The total arrears for absent commons amount to £948 5s. 6d., and for the Preacher's Roll to £219 8s. 6d. The largest items are £57 14s. 6d. and £16 12s. respectively.]

fo. 73. Council held on December 5th, 1698.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that James Jackson, Porter of Serle Court, have the same perquisites and allowances from the gentlemen there, of wood and coales, as the Porter of the other part of the Society hath."

1699. Officers for 1699 :

Treasurer : M^r Edwin Griffin.
Keeper of the Black Book : M^r Henry Penton.
Dean of the Chapel : M^r Edward Byde.
Master of the Library : Sir Richard Holford.

fo. 75. Council held on February 13th, 10 William III, 1699.
Five Benchers present.

No one shall be permitted to have keys of the Bog-house, save members of the Society, their clerks and servants.

fo. 79. Council held on May 22nd, 1699.
Eight Benchers present.

"Upon Sir Richard Holford's mocion, Ordered that it be considered next terme whether D^r Maynard shalbe presented, and with what."

"Whereas by the Order and usage of this House, noe person whatsoever is nor ought to lodge or inhabite in any chamber in this House in his owne right, untill admitted thereto according to the Rules of the House; and the New Court or Buildings, called Serle Court, are now by agreement made part of this House, and to be subject to the Rules thereof; And complaints having beene severall tymes made to the Masters of the Bench that divers persons doe lodge and inhabite in chambers in the said new buildings called Serle Court, not being admitted thereto by this Society, though thereto required by severall

* See *ante*, p. 199.

Orders of Councell, whereof they have had due notice; and thereby the revenue and dutyes are lessned, and this Society damnified, and the Rules of the House broken." It is therefore Ordered that any person henceforth occupying in his own right any chamber in Serle Court without being duly admitted, shall be deemed to be admitted, in order to enforce the payment of a fine upon the second admittance, and all other payments and duties to this Society, including the Preacher's Roll, as if such person had been actually admitted. The Chief Porter shall give notice hereof to Mr Rowe, who acts as agent for the proprietors of the said buildings. fo. 80.

Council held on June 14th, 1699.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : William Brooke.* fo. 81.
Mr Robert Price, on payment of half his arrears for absent commons before the next Council, shall be pardoned the other half, "in respect of his being a Member of Parliament and his attendance there."

Council held on June 26th, 1699. fo. 83.
Nine Benchers present.
Mr John Greene, a Benchers, has leave to alter "a great window in his chamber to a shash window."
All Benchers must pay their absent commons and Preacher's Roll.

All gentlemen of the Society that are in arrear above £15 must pay before the next adjourned Council, or their chambers shall be padlocked.

"Whereas by an Order of the 2nd of June, 1698, it was ordered that noe Order should be made against the Benchers or any of them but at such Councell where the major part of the Benchers then in towne should be present—It is now ordered that the said Order be discharged, the majority of the Benchers now in towne being present att the making of this Order."

Council held on June 28th, 1699. fo. 84.
Eight Benchers present.
The locks and keys of the Benchers' Garden are to be altered; no keys shall be given out but to Benchers, when called for by them.

* Called *Brookes* on admission.

fo. 85.

Council held on July 5th, 1699.

Nine Benchers present.

M^r John Greene, a Bencher, has leave "to lett one lodge in his chamber, during his absence beyond the seas."

Council held on October 30th, 1699.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that all Students of this Society, before they shall be called to the Barr, or be quallified for the same, shall perform fower Bolts at least, besides their other exercises."

Call to the Bar: Peter Davis.

fo. 87.

Council held on November 9th, 1699.

Seventeen Benchers present.

fo. 88.

"Ordered that M^r Francis Gastrell, Batchelor of Divinitye,* be and is hereby chosen Preacher to this Society in the place of D^r Edward Maynard; and that hee have the same exhibition, allowances and chamber, which the said D^r Maynard had when he was chosen Preacher to this Society, and that the same duty and attendance be expected from him."†

Council held on November 13th, 1699.

Eight Benchers present.

fo. 89.

"Ordered that it bee referred to M^r Treasurer and M^r Byde to examine what the building and finishing the two shopps in the new Court cost M^r Cavendish Weedon, one of the Barristers of this Society, and what hee hath received in rent; and that the said M^r Weedon be reimburst what it cost him, discounting the said rent so received by him; and that it bee reported att the next Councell."

Council held on November 25th, 1699.

Six Benchers present.

fo. 90.

The name of M^r Thomas Jones, one of the Masters of the Bench, shall not be included in the list of those screened for non-payment of their eaten commons, upon his promise to pay all arrears forthwith. If he makes default, his name shall be screened on the first day of next term, and his chamber padlocked.

"Ordered that the Right Honourable Sir John Hely, Knight, Lord Cheife Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in the Kingdome of Ireland, and one of his Majestie's Most Honourable

* Of Christ Church, Oxford; B.D. 1694, D.D. 1700.

† See *ante*, pp. 34, 180.

Privy Councell there, and an Ancient Barrister of this Society, bee called to the Bench, and published the next exercise." If he shall hereafter come to reside in the Society and act as a Benchers, then he must procure a chamber in the Society.

Accounts of Edwin Griffin, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1699, to Jan. 23rd, 1700.

Receipts: £915 1s. 5d. Including £37 8s., balance from last year; £100 borrowed on a bond; £4 from Francis Neale, Principal of Thavies Inn, for a year's rent up to Michaelmas, 1696.

Payments: £881 8s. 9d. Including £1 1s. to the officers of the Middle Temple; 7s. for glass bottles; 2s. to M^r Hungerford's clerk for two warrants.

Balance: £33 12s. 8d.

Officers for 1700:

1700.

Treasurer: M^r Henry Penton.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Eldred Lancelot Lee.

Dean of the Chapel: Sir Richard Holford.

Master of the Library: M^r William Dobyns.

Council held on January 27th, 11 William III, 1700.

fo. 91.

Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Robert Knight.

"Ordered that all women lodgeing in the old buildings or new square belonging to this House, have notice forthwith to remove out of the same."

Council held on February 1st, 1700.

fo. 92.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r John Turner and his wife have notice forthwith to remove out of the chamber in Searle's Court where they now lodge, he not being admitted into this Society."

Council held on February 12th, 1700.

fo. 93.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered, upon the addresse and subscription of severall gentlemen of this Society att and under the Barr, to the number of one and thirty att the least, who are desirous to keepe commons for a fortnight after this terme, and a competent number of them now attending and declaring their resolution to keepe dinner and supper, duely and in their gownes, and to observe the Rules and Orders of the House, if they may have the approbation of the Bench to continue in commons, as above,—that the said

gentlemen, and as many more of this Society as shall think fitt, doe continue commons for a fortnight, they performing the usuall exercises, and behaveing themselves in all other things according to the Rules of this Society."

- fo.* 94. Council held on April 23rd, 1700.
Eight Benchers present.
- fo.* 95. John Hungerford, Esq., a Barrister, is hereby expelled the Society for twice breaking a padlock off his door; and also for saying of Eldred Lancelott Lee, Esq., one of the Benchers, who attended to see to the padlocking, "M^r Lee is a Rascall, and I will break his head if I can meet him abroad." His chamber shall be seized and sold; he has seven days allowed him to remove his goods.
- fo.* 96. Call to the Bar: John Washer.
- Council held on May 3rd, 1700.
Eight Benchers present.
- fo.* 97. M^r John Hungerford appeared at this Council and expressed his sorrow for his disobedience and contempt, and apologised to M^r Lee; he has paid all his arrears. All former Orders relating to the seizure of his chamber or his expulsion from the Society are accordingly vacated,
- Council held on May 7th, 1700.
Twelve Benchers present.
- "Ordered that from Lady Day to Michaelmas in every year the evening service shall not begin till half an hour after two a'clock."
- "Ordered that M^r Gastrell, Preacher to this Society, have his sallary for Michaelmas Term last, deducting thereout the guineas that were paid to those who preached whilst the place was vacant, before he was elected."
- "Ordered that D^r Maynard, late Preacher to this Society, be presented with £20 from this Society, to buy him a peice of plate."
- fo.* 98. "Ordered that the proposall made by M^r Weedon for setting up an organ in the Chappell of this Society, be rejected."
- "Ordered—Upon the humble request of Cavendish Weedon, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, that the new version of the Psalmes by M^r Tate, his Majesty's Poet Laureat, and the Reverend M^r Brady, one of his Majesty's Chaplins in Ordinary,* and by his Majesty in Councell recommended, as also approved by the late

* Published in 1696; revised edition 1698.

Reverend D^r Maynard * and M^r Gastrell, the present Preacher to this Society—be admitted into use in the Chappell of this Society the first Sunday in the next terme, instead of the old translacion—the said M^r Weedon att his own charge furnishing the Bench and Barr Seates, and all such seates in like manner as this Society hath usually done, with two bookes of the said new version of the Psalmes in each seat, well bound, and the armes of this Society impressed thereon. And that publick notice of this Order be given on Sunday next in the said Chappell, that the members of this Society may be provided with the same books against that time."

Council held on May 13th, 1700.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Edward Horsman.

Upon the petition of Robert Dry, the Steward, asking for some allowance in respect of his losses caused by the dearness of provisions,—It is ordered that he shall be paid £10 9s. 5½d., namely, 1d. per mess on 712 messes of beef in Easter, Trinity and Hilary Terms, 1698; 1½d. per mess on 837 messes of mutton during the same terms; and 1d. per mess on 502 messes of fish during the year 1698.

Ann Bellamy, widow of Charles Bellamy, late one of the Butlers, shall have 2s. 6d. from every person admitted to the Society or called to the Bar, so long as she shall stay in town, or until a fourth Butler be appointed.

Council held on June 4th, 1700.
Five Benchers present.

fo. 99.

Call to the Bar: William Cartwright.

M^r Harrison, and also the smith and the carpenter who broke open M^r Lysons' chamber door, are to be forthwith summoned before Justice Hungerford.

Council held on June 8th, 1700.
Six Benchers present.

M^r Harrison, who broken open M^r Fotheringall's chamber, *fo. 100.* declaring that he had nothing to do with the Council, is to be summoned before Justice Hungerford.

"Ordered that after all the present Benchers have served all the offices belonging to this Society, itt begin att the senior Benchers to serve the same again."

* D^r Maynard was not dead; the text means "late Preacher."

Council held on June 14th, 1700.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Order made the 7th of May last relating to the using the new version of the Psalmes in the Chappell of this Society be revived; and that the notice given in by M^r Weedon be read in the said Chappell on Sunday next."

fo. 101.

Council held on June 19th, 1700.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Weedon have £50 paid him by the Treasurer, out of the first moneys arising out of Serle's Court, for the two shoppes by him built in the said Court, deducting thereout all his arrears for absent commons, Preacher's Roll, and all other duties to this House."

fo. 102.

Francis Thorpe, M^r Dormer's servant, shall be prosecuted before Justice Hungerford for breaking the padlock off his master's chamber door.

Council held on November 8th, 1700.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that from henceforth no coach be admitted to come within the Gates of this House after 10 a'clock at night; and that the keyes of the Great Gates of this House be left at the chamber of the Blackbook-keeper every night immediately after 10 a'clock."

fo. 103.

Call to the Bar :

Samuel Brewster, John Tarver, and Richard Jervoise.

"Ordered that the proprietors of every chamber in Serle's Court be answerable for all the duties of this House for the persons who reside therein."

"Ordered that Prayers do begin at half an hour after three a'clock in the afternoon in the two winter termes, and that the same be begun on Munday next."

"Takeing into consideracion the slender appearance of the Barristers as well as students of this Society in commons every terme, with the vast summes severall gentlemen of this House have formerly run in arreare for absent commons, far beyond the value of their severall chambers; and also the great charge this House is putt to by servants' wages and the late dearness of all manner of provisions, whereby this Society is run much into debt; and also the members thereof, as it were, totally deserting commons, in hopes of abatement for what they never had—It is therefore Ordered that no abatement shall be made of absent or vacacion commons which shall happen or grow due after this terme."

Council held on November 15th, 1700.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that one candle do serve two nights in the Hall."

Council held on November 22nd, 1700.

fo. 104.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that Sir Richard Holford be desired to gett an authentick certificate from the Heralds' Office of the armes of this Society."

Accounts of Henry Penton, Esquire, the Treasurer, from January 23rd, 1700, to January 23rd, 1701.

Receipts: £1003 9s. 3d. Including £8 from John Hardestey, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent; £2 from Sir Thomas Millington for two years' rent of the passage called Bishop's Court; £1 from William Williams senior, for land for his interment under the Chapel.

Payments: £1001 5s. 8d. Including 12s. od. for sugar, lemons, tobacco, coffee, and apples, at various times; £2 to Joseph Dampney, the third Butler, for setting the Psalms in 1699; £10 16s. 6d. each to John Greene, John Keene, and Henry Turner, Serjeants at Law*; 13s. 7d. paid for the Window Act.†

Balance: £2 3s. 7d.

Officers for 1701:

1701.

Treasurer: M^r Eldred Lancelott Lee.

Keeper of the Black Book: M^r Samuel Somerford.

M^r Robert Dormer.

Dean of the Chapel: M^r William Dobyns.

Master of the Library: M^r James Wittewronge.

Council held on January 27th, 12 William III, 1701.

fo. 104.

Six Benchers present.

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"Ordered that M^r Treasurer do pay to Sir Richard Holford one and fifty shillings for procuring an authentick Certificate of the Armes of this Society, pursuant to an Order of the 22th of November last."

"Memorandum that the Masters of the Bench, having as an acknowledgment of their friendship and respects to Doctor Edward Maynard, late Preacher to this Society, now Rector of

fo. 105.

* The Call was between June 26th and Nov. 8th.

† The window tax was levied on houses which contained more than six windows, and were worth more than £5 a year; established by 7 Will. III, cap. 18. The Society only paid for vacant chambers.

Boddington in Com. Northampton, ordered a peice of plate of the value of £20 to be presented to him with the Armes of this Society engraven on it; and Sir Richard Holford, Knight, one of the Masters of the Bench, having undertaken it, acquainted the Masters of the Bench that the Coate of Armes now used, being a Lyon Rampant purple, in a Feild Or, is not (as he is informed) the proper Coate of Armes of this Society, but belongs to the family of Lacy, Earle of Lincolne; and by an ancient manuscript* in the Library it appears that in 1516 the Coat of Armes of this Society is Azure, seme de fer de moline, or, on a dexter canton, or, a Lyon Rampant, purple; and comparing it with books in the Herald's Office, this seems to bee the proper Coat of Armes of this Society. Whereupon it was on the 22th day of November last ordered in Councell, that the said Sir Richard Holford be desired to gett an authentick Certificate, from the Heralds' Office, of the Armes of this Society. And the said Sir Richard Holford now reporting to the Councell that he had applyed himself to the Herald's Office, and had obtained an authentick Certificate by a table wherein the said Coate is handsomely depainted, attested by M^r Gregory King, Lancaster Herald, and placed in a frame, which he now produced; and that he had prepared a peice of plate of sixty nine † ounces and two penny weight, which comes to a pretty deale more than the £20 allowed; and had caused the said Coat of Armes to be fairly engraven thereon, under which are these words and letters:—

Jurispiti Lincolniensis
Edrō Maynard, S. T. P.
hoc dicant
T.
H. P.

“And that he had sent it inclosed in a handsome leather case to Doctor Maynard, who received it safe, and returnes his humble thanks to the Masters of the Bench for their very kind respects. And the said Sir Richard Holford now declares that, with the leave of the Bench, he will give what it amounts to above the £20.‡

“Whereupon it is ordered that the said Sir Richard Holford have the thanks of the Masters of the Bench for his care and pains in this matter, and for his addicion to the value of the plate; and that the Coate of Armes above mencioned be hung up in the

* This MS. cannot be identified.

† The margin has “96.”

‡ The piece of plate here referred to was bequeathed by Dr Maynard to Magdalen College, Oxford; he calls it a flagon. *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

Councell Chamber for one year, and then hung up in the Library, and there preserved." *

Call to the Bar :

Richard Bridges and Peter Hughes.

"Ordered that all gentlemen who shall come to eat repasts in the Hall of this Society shall first pay all the money due for any repasts by them before eaten."

"Ordered that no gentleman shall have any commons in the Hall of this Society who is in arreare for commons eaten the preceeding terme."

Council held on May 9th, 1701.

fo. 108.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered, upon Mr Somerford's request, that hee bee discharged of being Black book Keeper, by reason of his want of health." Mr Robert Dormer is appointed in his place.

Call to the Bar, May 14th, 1701 :

George Carew.

Council held on May 28th, 1701.

fo. 110.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

John Weddell, Peter Warburton and Robert Price, Esquires, three ancient Barristers of this Society.

Council held on June 2nd, 1701.

fo. 111.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the summe of £8 bee given to Venterus Mandey, as an acknowledgment for the Book (entituled *Synopsis Mathematica Universalis* †) he lately presented and dedicated to the Masters of the Bench of this Society, and to bee deposited in the Library thereof."

John Briquett‡ is appointed Steward; he must give security, as former Stewards have done.

"Ordered that it bee recommended to the Masters of the Bench of the last Call that they assist att the exercise of the House for one yeare, or till another Call."

* This painting of the arms of the Inn is believed to be the one now hanging in the Steward's office; the block on the title page of this volume is copied from it.

† Translated from the Latin of John James Heinlin; published at 6s. In the "Epistle Dedicatory," Mandey states that he had served the Society for thirty three years in his trade of bricklayer or builder.

‡ Or perhaps *Brignett* or *Briguet*.

fo. 113. Call to the Bar, October 29th, 1701 :
Jacob Preston.

fo. 114. Council held on November 7th, 1701.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that William Dobyys and James Wittewronge, Esquires, two of the Masters of the Bench, doe attend the Hon^{ble} Robert Harley, Esq., * Speaker of the House of Commons, to know his pleasure, whether hee will accept of being a Barrister att Law and an Associate to the Masters of the Bench."

Council held on November 13th, 1701.
Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Attwell and the rest of the proprietors doe forthwith erect a gate, at their own costs and charges, according to the true intent and meaning of the Articles made between Henry Serle, Esq., and the Masters of the Bench of Lincolne's Inne, at the south end of the Base Court, now inclosed with a brick wall."†

fo. 115. "Upon the report of William Dobins, Esq., and James Wittewrong, Esq., two of the Masters of the Bench, that they had attended on Robert Harley, Esq., one of the Fellowes of this Society, and late Speaker of the House of Commons, to acquaint him that the Masters of the Bench were pleased to call him to the Barr, and make him an Associatt to the Bench, which great favor he very readily complied with, and returned his hearty thanks to the Masters of the Bench for the same. 'Tis therefore Ordred that the said Robert Harley, Esq., late Speaker of the Honorable House of Commons, be called to the Barr and made an Associate to the Bench of this Society."‡

Council held on November 28th, 1701.
Ten Benchers present.

M^r Samuel Somerford, whose turn it is to be Treasurer, is excused through ill health.

"Ordered that an Order made the eight of June, 1700, for directing the choosing of Officers for this Society, be vacated and rescinded."§

Accounts of Eldred Lancelot Lee, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1701, to Jan. 23rd, 1702.

Receipts: £1,378 5s. 4d. Including £100 borrowed on a

* Afterwards Earl of Oxford.

† See *ante*, p. 185.

‡ Harley was admitted on July 25, 1701.

§ See *ante*, p. 205.

bond; £399 6s. 8d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £387 9s. 9d. for commons and compositions for not being in commons.

Payments: £1,329 4s. od. Including £200 due on bonds; £2 15s. for 5 bushels of baysalt at 11s.; £20 for "old coale" and "charcoale"; £2 to Joseph Dampny, the 3rd Butler, for setting the Psalm, for this year; £1 6s. 7d. for the burial of Robert Cage.

Balance: £49 1s. 4d.

Officers for 1702 :

1702.

Treasurer: Robert Dormer, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: John Weddell, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: James Wittewrong, Esq.

Master of the Library: Edwin Griffin, Esq.

Call to the Bar, February 7th, 13 William III, 1702 :
Ellis Wynne.

fo. 117.

Call to the Bar, May 6th, 1 Anne, 1702 :
Richard Belasyse.

fo. 118.

Call to the Bar, May 15th, 1702 :
Thomas Wilkinson.

Council held on May 18th, 1702.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

fo. 119.

Richard Foley, Thomas Kyffin and Thomas Pemberton.

M^r Patrick Craford [Crawford] was admitted to Gray's Inn on November 18th, 1672, and called to the Bar there on February 4th, 1679 [-80], as appears by a certificate signed by William Dixon, Esq., the Treasurer of Gray's Inn. Ordered that M^r Craford have the like seniority in this Society.

Call to the Bar, June 25th, 1702 :

fo. 120.

[John] Champante; "but he is to have præcedency only from the time of his being called."*

Also Edward Phillips.

Council held on October 28th, 1702.
Eleven Benchers present.

* He was admitted Sept. 22, 1678.

Call to the Bar: Greaves Martyn.

fo. 121. Thomas Lant is appointed Head Porter in place of Hugh Pattle, deceased.

"Ordered that James Jackson, Porter of Serl Court Gate, have two keies of the two uppermost pewes, above the pulpitt on the north side of the Chappell, delivered to him; and no other person to lett any body into them but him."

"Memorandum that upon the 28th day of October, 1702, Sir John Fleet, Alderman of London, and Collonell of the Redd Regiment,* did sent two of his officers in his name to desire leave of the Masters of the Bench that his Regiment might be permitted the next day to draw up in Lincoln's Inn, and stay there for two howres, it being the Lord Major's (Mayor's) day, and the Queen dined at Guild Hall, and so very convenient for him in respect of his post that day. The Masters of the Bench were pleased to grant his request, upon promise that no gunns should be fired, nor no drums beaten but what was necessary for their marching in and out. And it was performed accordingly."

Call to the Bar, November 6th, 1702:

Paul Jodrell.

Council held on November 13th, 1702.

Six Benchers present.

"Whereas the way us'd by the inhabitants of Byshop's Court and Chichester Rents, leading into this House, is inconvenient to this Society—'Tis order'd that the twoe gates erected on the said way be shut up on Monday sennight: and that in the mean time the Head Porter give notice thereof to the inhabitants."

fo. 122. Council held on December 3rd, 1702.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that all the Masters of the Bench, or any four of them, be appointed a Committee to præpare the draught of a Bill for the obtaining of an Act of Parliament to exempt Serle Court from parish duties; and that they may præfer the same to either House, att theire discretion, for the acquireing of the same."

Accounts of Robert Dormer, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1702, to Jan. 23rd, 1703.

Receipts: £929 9s. 3d. Including £12 from Edmund Themilthorp, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year and a half's rent.

* Of the City Trained Bands.

Payments: £908 5s. 2d. Including £10 16s. 6d. and a purse to M^r Serjeant Powis, and the like to M^r Serjeant Price; 5s. to M^r Jodrell for a copy of the petition of S. Clement Danes.

Balance: £21 4s. 1d.

Officers for 1703:

1703.

Treasurer: John Weddell, Esq.

Sir James Butler.

Black Book Keeper: Peter Warburton, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Edwin Griffin, Esq.

Master of the Library: Henry Penton, Esq.

Council held on January 28th, 1 Anne, 1703.

Six Benchers present.

"Whereas the placing or setting up of the armes or names *fo. 123.* of the Treasurers of this Society hath occasioned a considerable change in former Treasurorships, which will be much reduced in the succeeding Treasurorships by the following method:—

"It is ordered that the coates of armes, names and yeares of every Bencher since the last Reader, that have officiated or shall for the future officiate the place of Treasurer of this Honorable Society, bee put up in the east window of the Chappell, over the Communion Table; and that the armes of the House as blazoned in Gwillam's *Heraldry* be placed in the middle window above them all, and that coate only to be used hereafter in all matters concerning the House; and that for the future no Treasuror's armes nor names be put up in any other place; and that M^r Price, glasier, doe waite upon them [the Treasurers] respectively for their severall coates, names and yeares, and put them up accordingly with all convenient speed."

Call to the Bar, February 8th, 1703:

Thomas Tomlinson.

Council held on February 12th, 1703.

Seven Benchers present.

The inhabitants of the east side of the New Square offer *fo. 124.* at their own charge to plant two rows of trees in the Base Court, "whereby the sayd ground may lye cleane and wholesome, and be a refreshment to their chambers." The offer is accepted; and it is ordered "that the gardiner of this Society doe at the charge of the sayd inhabitants of that side of the Court, plant the sayd trees and lay the gravell walke, and take care of and look after the same."

Council held on April 23rd, 1703.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that all gentlemen that shall be admitted into this Societie may be admitted with manucaptors as formerly, but before they come into commons shall give bonds in the summe of £40 to pay and performe the duties of this Societie, and there-upon their manucaptors be discharged."

M^r John Barton is admitted into a whole chamber on the ground floor in Field Gate Row, Kitchin Garden Court, out of which there is a new door lately made towards Serle's Court, late Roger Monpesson's, on payment of £10.

fo. 125.

Council held on May 7th, 1703.

Seven Benchers present.

"Upon consideracion now had of the petition of many Barristers and gentlemen of this Societie concerneing one Baker, a glover, who pretends to have a lease of some lower chambers neare adjoyneing to his shop at the gate leadeing to the new market,* sheweing that such lease would be a scandall and prejudice to this Societie and against the knowne Rules and Orders of the same—It is ordered, (James Wittewrong, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, being now present,) that the stairecase out of Baker's shop into Master Wittewrong's chamber be taken away and the trapp-dore stopped up, and the wall made up, and that the said glover shall have no use of the said chambers, and that the chymnye in the sayd shop be demolished."

Council held on May 10th, 1703.

Six Benchers present.

fo. 126.

"Ordered that the Treasurer doe pay all necessary expences and charges that shall be made in defence of Thomas Lant, Chiefe Porter of this Societie, at the Sessions to be held for this Countie of Middlesex, and elsewhere, on the prosecucion of Thomas Donnaby, and also what shall be necessarily expended in the prosecucion of the said Donnaby, the said Donnaby being strongly suspected to be one of them that frequently meet under the Chappell to committ the abominable sin of S."

M^r Horatio Walpole† is admitted into the chamber up the Chapel Stairs, on the surrender of M^r Capper, paying £8 as a fine for his admission.

* Clare Market continued to be so called long after its commencement. The gate here referred to is no doubt the passage into Serle Street, formerly existing between Nos. 9 and 10, New Square.

† Brother to Robert, 1st Earl of Orford, and uncle to the celebrated Horace, who were both members of the Inn; afterwards Ambassador to France; created Baron Walpole, 1756. See Chalmer's *Biog. Dict*

Council held on June 14th, 1703.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Cavendish Weeden doe not remove or take away the cistern near the bogg house, nor any thing of or belonging to it; that he remove not the clocke, the mairemaid,* nor any thing belonging to them, nor any thing fixed or annexed to this House."

Council held on June 16th, 1703.

Eight Benchers present.

Ten roods of the Terrace wall must be taken down and rebuilt as soon as conveniently it may be.

Council held on June 24th, 1703.

fo. 127.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered, upon the Councell's being informed of the demise of John Weddell, Esq., Treasurer of this Society, that James Butler, mil., be desired to take upon him the Treasurership untill the 28^o of November next."

"Ordered that M^r Serjeant Keen be buried under the Chappell, at his friends' request."†

Council held on October 29th, 1703.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordred that M^r Robert Eyres, one of the Fellowes of this Society, be instructed to defend the riott against Thomas Lunt,‡ Cheif Porter."

"Ordred that Praiers begin at 5 of the clock in the afternoon, as formerly."

"Ordred that a staffe with a silver head be forthwith bought, not exceeding five guineas, for the use of the Cheif Porter of this Society for the time being; and that the armes of this House, as blazoned in the east window of the Chappell over the Communion Table be ingraven or putt upon it."§

Call to the Bar : James Strode.

M^r Serjeant Green and M^r Serjeant Turner have a further fo. 182.
three years allowed them in which to dispose of their respective chambers; they must pay all duties to the House in the meantime, as if they remained members of the Society.

* This perhaps refers to the dial and fountain erected by Weedon in the middle of New Square. See *ante*, p. 193. Strype says that there were four Tritons holding shells from which the water issued, but does not speak of any mermaid.

† See *Chapel Register*.

‡ *Sic*; see *ante*, p. 214.

§ The Staff heads now in use are dated 1828, and probably replaced the one mentioned in the text.

Call to the Bar, November 13th, 1703 :
Thomas Chambers.

Accounts of John Weddell, Esquire, and James Butler, Knight, the Treasurers, from Jan. 23rd, 1703, to Jan. 23rd, 1704.

Receipts: £1,099 14s. 4d. Including £476 for admissions to chambers and chamber fines.

Payments: £1,033 7s. 2d.

Balance: £66 7s. 2d.

1704. Officers for 1704:

Treasurer: Peter Warburton, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Sir James Butler.

Luke Astry, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Henry Penton, Esq.

Master of the Library: Eldred Lancelot Lee, Esq.

fo. 129.

Council held on January 28th, 2 Anne, 1704.

Seven Benchers present.

* "Ordered that M^r Atwell doe forthwith put in a life into the Coffee-house room in Serle's Court; and that M^r Atwell be desired to shew cause att the next Councill why he should not answer all the arrears and duties of the Coffee-room in Serle's Court which would have accrued if a life had been put in."

Council held on February 8th, 1704.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Baugh, Solicitor in the cause against Lant, the Porter of this House, take care to deferr the prosecucion against the said Porter untill next terme, so that at next Councill a Committee of the Masters of the Bench be appointed to attend M^r Attorney Generall,† and endeavour to obteyne a *nolle prosequi* in that matter."

fo. 130.

Luke Astry, Esq., senior of the Masters of the Bench,‡ is appointed *Custos Libri Nigri* in place of Sir James Butler, lately deceased.

Council held on February 12th, 1704.

Seven Benchers present.

Thomas Turner, Esq., living in Serle's Court,§ reports that the officers of the Liberty of the Rolls, threaten to distrain on his chamber for parish duties. Notice shall be given to M^r Atwell.

* Serle's Court Book I, p. 48.

† Called to the Bench in 1675, *ante*, p. 102.

‡ Edward Northey. See *ante*, pp. 214, 215.

§ At No. 2.

Call to the Bar: George Fothergill.

Council held on May 16th, 1704.

Eleven Benchers present.

D^r Gastrell, the Preacher, shall have an extra £10 a year, and shall pay for eaten commons.

Call to the Bar:

John Wadman, and Marshall Hill.

"Ordered that a booth erected in Lincolne's Inne Upper fo. 131. Fields, without the licence of this Societie, and contrary to covenants and agreements made with this Societie, be forthwith demolished, and that for the future the officers of this Societie in vacacion time obstruct any such erections."

Call to the Bench:

Henry Poley, Esq., now of this Society, and formerly a Bencher of the Middle Temple.

Council held on May 22nd, 1704.

Twelve Benchers present.

M^r Dobbys is to attend "M^r Attorney Generall, and present him the thanks of the Masters of the Bench and the rest of the Fellowes of this Societie, for his justice and favour in granting a *nolle prosequi* to an indictment preferred against the Chief Porter." *

Call to the Bar: Charles Edwin.

Call to the Bench:

Edmond Bridges, Patrick Crawford, and Edward Strode, Esquires, Ancient Barristers of this Society; if they accept the call they must pay all duties before publication, and they must take their seniority as named in this Order.†

Peter Warburton, Esq., the Treasurer, brought in a list of debts to the Society for vacation and absent commons and Preacher's Roll, amounting to £1,800 and upwards.

Council held on May 29th, 1704.

Six Benchers present.

* See *ante*, pp. 214, 215, 216.

† The reason for this last paragraph is that Mr. Crawford was not admitted to Lincoln's Inn until 1700; his call to the Bar at Gray's Inn was prior to Mr. Strode's call at Lincoln's Inn. See *ante*, p. 211.

" Ordered that the answer of this Society to a paper presented to the Master of the Rolls by the inhabitants of the Rolls, and by him sent to the Masters of the Bench in Councill, be entred into the Black Book.

" To the Right Ho^{ble} Sir John Trevor, Knight, Master of the Rolls, and one of Her Majesty's Most Ho^{ble} Privy Councill.

" May it please your Honour,

" The Masters of the Bench of the Ho^{ble} Societie of Lincolne's Inne, haveing this terme while they were in Councill assembled received from your Honour a paper intituled *A Case betweene the Rolls Libertye and Lincoln's Inne humbly presented to his Honour, the Master of the Rolls*, doe humbly return this answer thereto :

" First, they willingly take this opportunitye to retorne your Honour theire humble thankes and acknowledgments for the greate respect and regard your Honour hath alwayes shewed to the said Societie, and particulerly in the severall messages (relateing to the accomodateing the matters mencioned in that Case) which your Honour hath sent to the Treasurers* for the time being and other the Benchers of the said Societie; and the said Benchers can not but acknowledge it as reasonable that your Honour should have a due regard to the benefitts and priveledges of your Liberty of the Rolls and the inhabitants there.

" But in regard the matters in the said case mencioned tend to draweing in one of [the] Courts of the said Societie, called Serle Court, to be subject to the Rolls for the poor and other parish duties, assessed and collected within the said Libertye, as the said Libertye is part of the parish of S^t Dunstan,

" The said Benchers doe humbly crave leave to declare that they conceive themselves obliedged to defend the said Societie against all attempts of the said Libertye, by all lawfull ways and meanes whatsoever.

fo. 132.

" And the rather in regard such attempt, if it prevayle, may give encouragement to three other parishes to make the like

* This is interesting as showing the growing tendency to consider the Treasurer as head of the Inn during his year of Office, of which there is little or no trace until after the discontinuation of the Readers. It must be noted, however, that the process was not yet complete; the name of Peter Warburton, the Treasurer for this year, is written last in the list of Benchers present at this Council, he being the junior Bencher present; whereas the Reader, during the time of his Reading, always headed the list.

demaunds upon them, although such demaund was never before made upon them.*

"And the said Benchers can not but take notice that this proceeding is the more unreasonable and ungratefull in the said inhabitants of the said Libertye, because they have great dependance upon and benefitts from the said Societie, which, if it were withdrawne, may bring a prejudice upon the said Libertye not to be retrieved.

"And the said Benchers have reason to believe the generalitie of the said inhabitants of the said Libertye doe not approve of these proceedings.

"The said Masters of the Bench doe likewise apprehend that this innovacion may likewise concerne the other three Innes of Courts, and all or most of the Innes of Chancery, and that the liberties and priviledges of the whole profession of the law may be much concerned in these matters; and doe conceive, therefore, that it is fitt for them to consult the rest of the profession, or such of them as are proper, touching a matter of such generall concerne."

M^r Astry, M^r Penton and M^r Treasurer are ordered to wait on the Master of the Rolls with the above answer.

M^r Bridges, Mr Crawford and M^r Strode, having accepted their Call to the Bench, shall be published at the first exercise next term, they first paying half their absent commons and vacations and whole of all other duties.

Council held on June 22nd, 1704.

Nine Benchers present.

"The bricklayer's bill now offered in Councell by M^r Treasurer, amounting to a greate summe of mony, occasioned by the late greate tempestuous winde," shall be considered.†

* Nos. 1 to 4, New Square, are within the parish boundary of S. Dunstan's; Nos. 5 to 10, and part of No. 11, within that of S. Clement Danes'; the remainder of No. 11 and the western side of the garden within that of S. Giles' in the Fields; and the rest of the Inn within that of S. Andrew's, Holborn. See the map in *Cases of Supposed Exemption from Poor Rates*, by Edward Griffith, where the question of the extra-parochiality of the Inn is discussed in much detail.

† 1703, Nov. 27. "About one this morning a terrible storm arose, which continued till past 7, the wind south west; the like not known in the memory of man; blew down a vast number of the tops of houses, chimnies, &c. . . . divers of the great trees in St. James' Park, Temple, Grayes Inn, &c., blown down; . . . the Bishop of Bath and Wells and his lady were killed by the fall of a stack of chimneys at Wells." Luttrell, *Diary*, v, 363, etc. Dr. Gastrell, the Preacher, who was also Chaplain to the House of Commons, preached a special sermon on this tempest, before the House, on Jan. 19th, 1704.—*Dict. Nat. Biog.*

fo. 133.

Council held on June 28th, 1704.
Ten Benchers present.

The Order made on M^r Turner's proposals, for planting the Base Court with trees, is discharged.*

"Ordered that publick notice be given that the emptye upper roomes in this House are to be disposed of at moderate rates."

"Upon the report of M^r Treasurer that he hath heard and bin informed that there is a rent or summe of 20s. per annum payeable and oweing to this Society by the owners and proprietors of the houses called Chichester Rents, and that the said rent or summe of mony hath bin long unpaid, and by some person or persons claymeing interest in the same houses is denyed to be paid: Upon debate of the said matter in Councell, It is ordered that the lease made by this Societie of a passage into the said houses called Chichester Rents, if it can be found, be produced in the next Councell."

Richard Foley, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, and one of the Prothonotaries of the Common Pleas, is called to be an Associate of the Bench, on payment of 30 guineas.†

Council held on July 5th, 1704.
Eight Benchers present.

"Upon perusall of the lease of the passage into Chichester Rents, It is ordered [that] the said passage be shutt up, as M^r Treasurer shall direct, if the said rent and the arreares thereof be not paid upon shewing this Order."

fo. 134.

Council held on July 14th, 1704.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that no persons presume to enter into or walke in the gardens belonging to this Societie with maskes on, and that this Order be sett up on the gates of the said gardens; and that the officers belonging to this Societie take care that this Order be duelye observed."

‡ M^r William Atwell, for himself and partners, "haveing disposed of all that roome or chamber, called by the name of Serle's Coffee House, in the new square of building in Serle's

* See *ante*, p. 213.

† In the margin, "pd 30 guineas, being £32 5s.", which makes the guinea equivalent to £1 1s. 6d.

‡ Serle's Court Book I, p. 50.

Court in Lincoln's Inne, in the staircase number 3, lyeing between the Prothonotarye's Office east and the wall of the gate way west," nominates M^r John Exton of Lincoln's Inn, gentleman, thereto ; who is admitted for his life, accordingly, on payment of £5.

Council held on November 10th, 1704.

fo. 135.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that the subscriptions made for the water for the fountaine be inspected at the next Councell, and then considered ; and the contract made by the Treasurer for £10 about the water be then paid." *

Council held on November 24th, 1704.

fo. 136.

Twelve Benchers present.

William Rogers, Esq., and John Hiccocks, Esq., Barristers of this Society, and two of the Masters of Her Majesty's Court of Chancery, are called to be Associates of the Bench, on payment of 35 guineas each and all arrears.

Council held on November 28th, 1704.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that, upon the payment of 20s. by M^r Graundman to M^r Rich for the year 1703, and continueing the support of the lamp, and paying the reserved rent for the future, the gate into Chichester Rents be sett open."

Council held on December 8th, 1704.

fo. 137.

Seven Benchers present.

"M^r Astry acquainted the rest of the Masters that M^r Baron Price, one of the Barons of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer,† had declared himself under a greate sence of the cevilityes of this Societie, and more particularly of the Masters of the Bench, shewed to him; and that he was willing and desirous to give some testimonye of his gratitude and respects to the said Societie, had desired the said M^r Astry to acquaint their Masterships that he was willing to present such bookes as may be usefull to and in the Library, to the value of £25, as should be by them approved of." The offer was thankfully accepted.

"M^r Astry acquainted the other Masters of the Bench then present that the Library of this Societie is now so full of bookes that there is little roome left therein to receive more, offering then

* Evidently the fountain in Searle's Court ; see *post*, p. 225.

† Robert Price, so appointed 1702.

proposalls to make the said Library at his owne charge receptant of more bookes—It is ordered that any three or more of the Masters of the Bench doe goe with the said M^r Astry into the Library, and heare the said proposalls, and report theire opinions of them at some Councell in the next terme."

Accounts of Peter Warburton, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1704, to Jan. 23rd, 1705.

Receipts : £1,348 7s. 1d.

Payments : £1,336 8s. od. Including £2 8s. for 2 doz. bottles of "white Lisborne."

Balance : £11 19s. 1d.

1705. Officers for 1705 :

Treasurer : Henry Poley, Esq.

Black Book Keeper : Edmond Bridges, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : Eldred Lancelot Lee, Esq.

Master of the Library : Robert Dormer, Esq.

fo. 138.

Council held on January 27th, 3 Anne, 1705.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Astry, one of the Masters of this Bench, bee desiered to bring to the next Councell a catologue of such bookes as he shall think most convenient for the benefitt of this Society, which M^r Barron Price is pleased to give to this Society."

"Ordered that Friday, the 2nd of Februrary next, be held a Grand Day in this Society, as antiently, and that the Lord Haversham,* M^r Speaker of the House of Commons,† and the Judges and Serjeants of the Society, also Sir Thomas Cook, an Associate of the Bench, be forthwith invited to dinner on that day ; and that a sermon be then preached by D^r Gastrell, and that the Master of the Revells doe then attend, and that the Steward prepare and forthwith bring in a bill of fare fitt for such entertainment, and prepare the same accordingly."

In future the Chief Butler is not to allow any deduction on account of taxes out of M^r Colfer's legacy of £20 a year, as he has done for some years past, since it appears by the will that the legacy is to be paid clear of all deductions.

"Complaint being made att this Council by several gentlemen, members of this Society, that William Benfield and Hugh Moore, Collectors within the Liberty of the Rolls for the poore of that

* Sir John Thompson, Bart., so created 4 May, 1696 ; his wife was dau. of Arthur Annesley, 1st Earl of Anglesey ; probably the John, son of Maurice *Tompson*, adm. March 3, 1664.

† Robert Harley, afterwards cr. Earl of Oxford ; adm. July 25, 1701.

Liberty, within the Parish of S^t Dunstan's in the West, with a Bedell, had lately, in breach of the antient rights and priviledges of this Society, entred into severall chambers in Serle's Court, parte of the said Society, and demanded of severall gentlemen for their said chambers severall summes of money pretended to be assessed on them for their said respective chambers, as being within the said Parish and Liberty, for relieff of the poore of the said Liberty in the said Parish; and the said officers threatning to distreine for the same—This Council, haveing taken the same into consideracion, and upon reading of an Order made att a Councill held for this Society on the like attempt, dated the 29th day of May, 1704, thereby humbly representing to his Honour, the Master of the Rolls, their reasons for not admitting of such an innovacion, not only upon this but all other Societies of the law, which reasons it was hoped the inhabitants of the said Liberty would have been satisfyed with—It is now Ordered by the said Councill that the Chieff Butler doe forthwith give notice to the said Collectors that this Society doth expect from them and the said inhabitants that they doe not further prosecute their said demands; and that this Society is resolved to stand by their fellow members, and defend them and the ancient rights and priviledges of their said Society to the utmost." The Butler is to give the Collectors a copy of this Order, which is also to be screened.

Council held on February 7th, 1705.

Five Benchers present.

Four gentlemen must attend the next Council "to shew cause *fo. 139.* why they did rise from the Barr Mess on the 5th of this instant February, and depart the Hall before grace was said."

Whereas the Order of the last Council, relating to the demand of Poor Rates from some of the inhabitants of Serle's Court, was screened in the Hall, "but was afterwards taken down upon the submicion and promise of the Collectors for the said poore, to observe the said Order and forbear any further demands of that nature," and the Justices who signed the distress warrant were willing to withdraw it; "but that one Foell, an inhabitant within the said Liberty, had got the said warrant, and threatned to proceed thereupon, in violacion of the constitucion and libertyes of this and all other the Societies of the Law." The former Order shall again be screened, and also this one; "and further alsoe, that such defence shall be made against all such attempts for rateing any the inhabitants of the said Serle's Court, or levying the same, as is agreeable with the just and antient usages and custome of this and the other Societys of the law."

Council held on February 12th, 1705.

Nine Benchers present.

The Land Tax shall be allowed to be deducted from the rent of Furnival's Inn.

"Ordered that James Wittewronge, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, doe pay for the use of this Society the £100 he standeth bound for, and that this Society pay interest for the said £100 untill they repay the same againe in course."

Richard Savage, the Cook, prays for an allowance in respect of last Grand Day, when he hired five cooks for two days, and two turn-spits. [Allowed £5 at the next Council.]

Council held on February 19th, 1705.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 140. The rent of Thavid's Inn is three years in arrear. If not paid within ten days, proceedings shall be taken to recover the same.

Council held on May 3rd, 1705.

Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Job Hanmer* and John Barton.

John Briquett, the Steward, petitions for some allowance, "setting forth his great losses by the dearness of fish, and haveing but 16d. allowed him by the House for a taile of salt fish, with butter and eggs, together with four whittings or plaise, and haveing noe allowances for the same since Easter Terme, 1701, since which time there have been spent 1310 mess, 2 parts, and the loss at 4d. a mess comes to £21 16s. 10d., besides what was lost by ling." [£5 granted, May 21st.]

fo. 141.

Call to the Bar, May 9th, 1705 :
Edward Corbett and Thomas Wyndham.

fo. 142.

Council held on June 5th, 1705.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the late address of the gentlemen of this Society to the Quatuor in commons, relateing to the takeing away of suppers and casting them into dinners, be further considered att the next Council."

The Steward shall have an additional 2d. per mess for fish, until further order.

* In the Admission Register his Christian name is misprinted John, vol. i, p. 353.

"Upon the humble petition of James Jackson, Porter of the south gate of Searl's Court, setting forth that he hath carefully wound upp and taken care of the clock in the pillar in Searl's Court, and cleansed the Fountaine and Walkes, and found broomes for that purpose, and collected the subscription money, and found candles to watch in his lodge, from Lady [Day] last to this time," for which he prays some allowance.

Call to the Bar, November 15th, 1705:
John Sayer, John Byde, and Francis Thacker.

fo. 145.

Council held on November 28th, 1705.
Twelve Benchers present.

Ordered that the door from Mr Jones's chamber into Chancery Lane be forthwith shut up, and that he be allowed £50 by the House in lieu thereof.

Officers for 1706:

1706.

Treasurer: Edmund Brydges, Esq.
Black Book Keeper: Patrick Crawford, Esq.
Dean of the Chapel: Robert Dormer, Esq.
Master of the Library: Peter Warburton, Esq.

Council held on February 18th, 4 Anne, 1706.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 147

* "Ordered that the gate to Chichester Rents be well repaired, and a substantiall barr of iron put in the middle, as formerly, within a week; and in default thereof that the said gate be shutt up."

Council held on April 17th, 1706.
Eight Benchers present,

Mr Weedon's proposal concerning a fountain in the Great Garden shall be considered, according to the subscriptions. The Treasurer shall report as to the expense.

Council held on April 25th, 1706.
Five Benchers present.

The cost of a fountain in the Great Garden will be £95; a subscription list shall be opened.†

* Serle's Court Book I, p. 52.

† Kip's view of the Inn, in the 1720 edition of Strype's "Stow," shows a small fountain in the southern part of the garden, as well as the dial column with the spouting tritons in New Square.

Call to the Bar :

John Powle and John Felton.

fo. 148. M^r Weedon's proposal to build on the east side of the garden shall be further considered.

fo. 148. Council held on May 3rd, 1706.
Ten Benchers present.

The gentlemen of the Society petition for "the taking away of suppers, and allowing the whole money for the encrease and better providing of dinners." To be considered.

"Ordered that no anthem be performed in the Chappell on Sunday next; and that no innovacion or alteracion be made in the service in or structure of the said Chappell but by Order in a full Councill."

Council held on May 31st, 1706.
Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that a convenient place wherein to sett the engine for quenching of fire, lately given to this Society by M^r Atwill and his partners," be considered of.

Call to the Bar: Gilbert Browne.

"Upon the petition of John Wadman, Esq., and others, complaining of a nuisance occasioned by John Hungerford, Esq., his keeping of doggs in the vacancy under the staires of their staircase—It is ordered that the said M^r Hungerford be desired to remove from thence his doggs forthwith."

fo. 149. Council held on June 12th, 1706.
Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that no Barr Moot be brought in upon a discontinued exercise without speciall leave of the Bench."

Council held on June 25th, 1706.
Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the engine for quenching of fire be placed at the end of the gardiner's house, where the cistern was, and that . . . a fitt place for the said engine to stand in be provided."

Council held on October 29th, 1706.
Ten Benchers present.

fo. 150. "Ordered that musick be provided, and that they attend on the eve of the Grand Day and on the Grand Day, and noe more."

Council held on November 5th, 1706.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that musick do attend every Saturday night in this term, for the gentlemen to dance; and that such musick have a summe not exceeding 40s. per night for such their attendance."
[Vacated, Nov. 11th.]

Council held on November 11th, 1706.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Robert Beach and William Parker.

* "Upon the humble petition of Joyce Warren, spinster, shewing that by Indenture, dated the 17th day of June, 1703, Peter Keckwich, a gent of this Society, did mortgage to the petitioner his chamber in Serle's Court, on the east side of the same Court, in the staircase No. 3, and the vault belonging to the same, (then and now in his possession), and all his interest therein, for £200; and praying that the Honourable the Masters of the Bench would license the Sherriffe of the County to enter into the said chamber and seise the same, or give the petitioner such other remedy as to them, the said Masters of the Bench, should seem meet.—It is ordered that the petitioner do apply to the proprietors of Serle's Court for a nomination to the said chamber, and then the Bench will proceed to do what is just."

Accounts of Edmund Bridges, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1706, to Jan. 23rd, 1707.

Receipts: £1,533 17s. 8d. Including £3 7s. 11d. from Henry Poley, Esq., the Treasurer last year; £847 for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £6 8s. from Christopher Yates, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent.

Payments: £1,531 4s. 3d. Including £200 due on a bond; interest on £1,200, due on bonds; £67 12s. 4d. for wine; £25 8s. 6d. to William Price, the glass-painter; £10 to Maximilian Apprice for water for one year,† and £2 to the turncock.

Balance: £2 13s. 5d.

[NOTE.—Robert Dormer, a Bencher, was created a Serjeant this year. "1706, Feb. 9.—Robert Dormer, Esq., Knight of the Shire for Bucks, and Chancellor of Durham, having kist the Queen's hand for the Judge's place in the Common Pleas, . . . was this day sworn a Serjeant, and on Monday takes his place as Judge."—Luttrell, *Diary*, vi, 15.]

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 53.

† From the New River.

1707. Officers for 1707 :

Treasurer : Patrick Crawford, Esq.

Black Book Keeper : Edward Strode, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : Peter Warburton, Esq.

Master of the Library : Henry Poley, Esq.

fo. 152. Call to the Bar, January 28th, 5 Anne, 1707 :
Alexander Horton.

Council held on January 31st, 1707.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that a peice of plate of the value of £12 be presented to Doctor Gastrell in testimony of the respect of this Society towards him, and to be prepared and delivered to the said Doctor Gastrell by the Treasurer as the gift of the Masters of this Bench."

* Upon consideration had of the continuance of M^r Serjeant Green and his ancestors in this Society, for one hundred years,† and of the presents to this House made by his ancestors,— Itt is ordered that the time for selling his chambers be enlarged for three yeares from the end of Trinity Term next, and that his successor be excused of paying a fine upon the next admittance to his chamber, on the said Serjeant's surrender."

fo. 153. Council held on February 12th, 1707.
Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that itt be endeavoured to get a clause in a Bill now depending before the Honourable the House of Commons for the beatifieing of Grate Lincoln's Inn Feilds, to exempt the Society of Lincoln's Inn from any pretence of payment of parochioll duties, and for preserving their rights and priveledges in and to the said Feilds." A Committee is appointed to carry this out.‡

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer and M^r Lees dispose of the offerings at the three last Sacraments to the poor, as they think fitt; and that the Lecturer of this Society for the future doth keep a true account in writing what is given on every Sacrament day, before the delivery of such moneys to the second butler of this Society, to the end the poor bee not defrauded."

fo. 154. Council held on May 2nd, 1707.
Eleven Benchers present.

* Red Book II, p. 95.

† John Green, (adm. 1659, Bench 1685, Serjeant 1700), was son of John Green, (adm. 1631, Bench 1657, Recorder of London 1658), who was son of John Green, (adm. 1605, Bench 1628, Serjeant 1640).

‡ See Appendix.

M^r Cavendish Weedon's petition "of his seniority and right *fo.* 155. of call to the Bench of this Society, and of which he is like to be quoted * by a late call of his juniors," is adjourned.

Council held on May 7th, 1707.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

Sir James Mountague, Solicitor General; † to be published at the exercise on Friday night next.

Also M^r Robert Eyre, Q.C., M^r Fleetwood Dormer, M^r John Hungerford and M^r Charles Cox, ancient Barristers of this Society; to be published as above.

Also M^r Cavendish Weedon, on his petition showing "that *fo.* 156. M^r Thomas Chevely has declined his Call to the Bench, and that he, the said M^r Weedon, in time of admittance was next after M^r John Hungerford, the last of the said Call, and praying, in regard the House intended to Call four, that he might have the benefitt of such Call;" to be published as above.

Call to the Bar: Abraham Gapper.

Call to the Bar, May 14th, 1707:
John Wood and John Massey.

Council held on June 17th, 1707. *fo.* 157.
Fourteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : — Tolson. ‡

M^r Cavendish Weedon's motion for erecting a gallery at the west end of the Chapel, is rejected.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer be desired to take care that the Benchers' Garden be not made common."

Call to the Bar, July 2nd, 1707: *fo.* 158.
John Griffes [Griffiths].

Council held on October 27th, 1707.
Thirteen Benchers present.

"It is ordered that Saturday, the first day of November next, be held a Grand Day, as antiently; and that M^r Sollicitor Generall [Sir James Mountague], M^r Treasurer, and M^r Cox, be desired

* See *ante*, p. 61.

† Appointed in April, 1707.

‡ Query, Richard Tolson, adm. April 25, 1677.

forthwith to wait upon the Noblemen and Officers of State, Judges and Serjants, that do or did formerly belong and are or were members of this Society, and also on his Grace the Duke of Queensberry,* the Lord Chancellor,† Lord Privy Seale,‡ and the two Secretaries of State for that parte of the Kingdom of Great Brittain lately called Scotland, and desire the favor of their company at dinner in this Society on the same day; and that a sermon be then preached by Doctor Gastrell, and that the Master of the Revells do then attend; and that the Steward prepare and forthwith bring in a bill of fare fit for such an entertainment, and prepare the same accordingly." §

fo. 156. Council held on November 5th, 1707.
Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Thomas Slatter and Thomas Turner.

"Ordered that the two darke benches under the Chappell be forthwith removed, and sett in more convenient places in the light."

William Price is appointed glazier and glass-painter to the Society.

fo. 160. Council held on November 19th, 1707.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Edmund Poley, Esq., one of the Fellows of this Society, late Envoy to the Prince Elector of Hanover, and formerly to other Courts. He shall be published at the next exercise, and thereupon shall be admitted to be an Associate of the Bench, first paying £50.

Also George Townsend, Esq., one of the Fellows of this Society, "who has been resident here above 25 years, and now is, and for 7 years past, and upwards, has been one of the Commissioners of the Excise." He shall be published at the next exercise, and thereupon shall be admitted to be an Associate of the Bench, first paying £50. ||

* James Douglas, 2nd Duke.

† William Cowper, afterwards Earl Cowper. He had been one of the Commissioners for the Union with Scotland.

‡ John Holles, Duke of Newcastle.

§ 1707, Nov. 1. "This day Mr Crawford, a Scotch gentleman, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, splendidly entertain'd in that Hall most of the Scotch nobility, as also several English." Luttrell, *Diary*, vi, 229.

|| Adm. July 3, 1686.

Council held on November 28th, 1707.

fo. 161.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the recovery of the £10 per annum given to the Reader of this Society by the will of William Martin, Esq., late one of the Barristers of this Society, deceased, and for the securing the £2,000 by such will given for the benefit of this Society, that M^r John Moss, one of the Fellows of this Society, do forthwith cause a Bill or Information to be filed, as the Masters of the Bench or any three of them shall think fitt, and do prosecute the same for the speedy and effectually securing, settling, and recovery thereof; and that the Minister of the parish of Bures S^t Mary, in the County of Suffolk, be let in by such Bill or Information to the recovery of the charity to him given by such will, he paying and bearing his proportion in charges and expences according to his legacy and charity to him thereby given."

Officers for 1708:

1708.

Treasurer: Sir James Mountague, Sol. Gen.

Black Book Keeper: Robert Eyre, Esq., Q.C.

Dean of the Chapel: Edmund Brydges, Esq.

Master of the Library: Patrick Crawford, Esq.

Council held on February 6th, 6 Anne, 1708.

fo. 163.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Dean of the Chappell do for the future distribute the Charity money given at the Sacrament to and amongst such poor persons as are comunicants according to the Liturgy of the Church of England as by law established."*

Council held on February 20th, 1708.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered, upon the request of my Lady Franklyn, that the £100 given to the use of this Society by Sir John Franklyn be paid to and received by M^r Treasurer."†

Council held on April 27th, 1708.

fo. 164.

Eight Benchers present.

* This Order was vacated at the next Council, on Feb. 12th.

† A portrait of Sir John Franklin hangs in the Benchers' Drawing Room. It bears this inscription—"S^r John Franklin of Mauourn in the County of Bedford knight one of y^e Masters in Ordinary of the High Court of Chancery for y^e space of 33 years Obiit August y^e 7th, 1707, and lyes interred in the Parish Church of Bonehurst in the County of Bedford."

Call to the Bar:

Paul Foley and William Smyth.

"Ordered that the money given by Sir John Franklyn . . . be applyed according to the direccions given in and by the last will and testament of the said Sir John Franklyn, and not otherwise."

Council held on May 12th, 1708.

Nine Benchers present.

fo. 165. M^r Adam Browne, Clerk, [the Chaplain], petitions for a loan of £30 or £40, "which he is willing to allow out of his sallary from this Society of Easter, Trinity and Michaelmas Termes, if he shall so long live, or, if not, out of his sallary of Wood Street Compter, which is now due and will be paid at Michaelmas next, amounting to £30." £30 is lent.

M^r Charwood Lawton has petitioned for a lease of a piece of ground; M^r Martyn, one of the Benchers, is requested to settle it.*

Council held on May 17th, 1708.

Nine Benchers present.

"Upon the humble petition of Richard Stannynought, Porter to this Society, setting forth that he perceiving two men under the Chappell of this Society, and making up to them, they endeavoured to run away; but in pursuit the petitioner took one of them, whose name is — Pridy, in a very indecent posture, whom he detained that [? night]; and next morning carried him before M^r Justice Hungerford,† one of the Masters of the Bench, who bound him over to the Sessions." M^r Rolfe is ordered to prosecute the matter, and M^r Hungerford is desired to give the necessary directions for his so doing.

fo. 166. "Upon the humble petition of John Tarver, Esq., Barrister and member of this Society, setting forth that Her Majestie having been graciously pleased to make him her Remembrancer in the Court of Exchequer to be establisht for the north part of Great Britaine, called Scotland; and that for the faithfull discharge of that office his attendance will for some time at least be necessarily required at Edingburgh; and praying that during his absence he may have leave to lett his chambers and compound his commons." Ordered that he may let his chambers to any member of the Society, subject to the duties of the House, and on payment of his arrears, if any.

* See *post*, p. 238.

† *I.e.*, a Justice of the Peace.

Council held on June 9th, 1708.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

Mr Thomas Lee, an ancient Barrister ; to be published at the next exercise.

Also Mr William Rogers, an ancient Barrister, and one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery.

Also the Honourable Charles Egerton, Esq., Mr William *fo.* 167. Fellowes, Mr Francis Wilkinson, and Mr Gilbert Horsman, ancient Barristers.

Council held on June 23rd, 1708.
Fourteen Benchers present.

“ Ordered that Mr Treasurer and the three senior Masters of the Bench and the Master of the Library do prepare catalogues of books to be bought with Sir John Franklyn's money.”

Council held on June 30th, 1708.
Twelve Benchers present.

“ Mr Lulman was called in, and thanked for his letter about *fo.* 168. the admittance to the copyhold estate near Yarmouth, and desired to deferr making the third proclamacion for some time, and he should hear from Mr Nicholas Martyn, one of the Benchers, what person the Society will make choice of to be admitted tenant to the estate.”

Council held on October 25th, 1708.
Seven Benchers present.

“ Ordered that Mr Morse be employed to take care of the charity devised to Lincoln's Inne by Mr William Martyn, and that he doe apply to Mr Nicholas Martyn, Mr Dobyns and Mr Penton, or any one of them, for advice and direccion therein.”

“ Upon the petition of James Jackson, setting forth that, being Porter of the south gate of Serle's Court, he hath carefully wound up and taken care of the clock in the Pillar in the said Court, and cleansed the fountaine and walks, and hath found brooms for that purpose, and collected the subscripcion money, and found candles to watch in his lodge, from our Lady Day, 1704, to this time.” He asks for an allowance in respect thereof. Referred to a Committee.

Council held on November 8th, 1708.
Six Benchers present.

fo. 169.

Call to the Bar:

[Marmaduke] Allington and [Charles] Frankland.*

"Upon the petition of William Dunch, Esq., Barrister of this Society, setting forth that he had lately bought of the House half a chamber in Kitchen Garden Court, which fell by the death of M^r Horsman; and that, at the time of his death, the lobby or anteroom was in common between him and M^r S^t Johns, and that there were then two desks for clerks and two antient lights belonging to it; but that since that time M^r S^t Johns, or else M^r Pembroke (who bought of him), hath without the said M^r Dunch's knowledge or consent inclosed part of the lobby, and thereby stopt up one of the lights, soe that the said M^r Dunch hath wholly lost the use of it, and the lobby is much darkned." It shall be viewed.†

fo. 170.

Council held on November 29th, 1708.

Thirteen Benchers present.

Whereas Sir John Francklyn, Knight, deceased, left £50 to be laid out in books for the Library, and it has been decided to expend the same on books of the Civil, Canon, and Feudal Law—M^r Crawford, the present Master of the Library, has made an application to "the most learned Civilian, M^r Alexander Cuninghame,‡ who now is about publishing a new edition of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*, for his recomendacion of an usefull collection of the bookes above mentioned, who hath been pleased to send to M^r Crawford a catalogue thereof."

Accounts of Sir James Mountague, Knight, Attorney General the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1708,§ to Jan. 23rd, 1709.

Receipts: £1,124 15s. 1d. Including £2 19s. 7d. from Patrick Crawford, Esq., the late Treasurer; £6 8s. from Nicholas Hall, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent due Michaelmas, 1708; £1 from James Allen for ground under the Chapel.

Payments: £1,073 18s. 3d. Including £200 for apparels.

Balance: £50 16s. 10d.

1709. Officers for 1709:

Treasurer: Robert Eyre, Esq., Sol. Gen.

Black Book Keeper: Fleetwood Dormer, Esq.

Library Keeper: Sir James Montague, Att. Gen.

Dean of the Chapel: Patrick Crawford, Esq.

* Charles Francklyn, adm. May 2, 1700.

† See the description of a set of chambers, vol. II, p. 90, and Introduction, p. xv.

‡ Professor of Civil Law in the University of Edinburgh. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

§ The heading gives 7 Anne, 1709, which is evidently an error.

Call to the Bar, February 8th, 7 Anne, 1709: *fo. 172.*
Henshaw Halsey.

Council held on May 25th, 1709.
Thirteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bench: *fo. 173.*
John Hiccocks, Esq., one of the Masters in Chancery and a member of this Society.

Call to the Bar: Robert Darwin.
The Committee report that James Jackson, the Porter in Searle's Court, should have £5 a year on his petition. Ordered accordingly.*

Call to the Bar, July 1st, 1709: *fo. 174.*
Thomas Powys and George Hadley.

Council held on July 13th, 1709
Nine Benchers present.

"Order'd that the Lady Franklyn, relict of Sir John Franklin, *fo. 176.*
formerly one of the Masters of the Bench, deceased, and a great benefactor to the Library, have leave to hang up such inscription as to her shall seem fitt at the end of the stand in the Library wherein the said Sir John Franklyn's books are placed."

Council held on October 29th, 1709.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:
Joseph Hull, Esq., an ancient Barrister, on his own request; "upon condition neverthesse that the said M^r Hull shall submit and consent to take his place as Puisne Benchers, and not pretend to any seniority, for any cause whatsoever, over any person called to the Bench before him." [*fo. 174.*].†

Call to the Bar, November 17th, 1709: *fo. 177.*
Wyndham Harbin, and Henry Dry.

Officers for 1710: *1710.*

Treasurer : Fleetwood Dormer, Esq.
Black Book Keeper : Charles Coxe, Esq.
Master of the Library : Edmund Brydges, Esq.
Dean of the Chapel : Sir John Hawles.

* See *ante*, p. 233.

† He was senior to most of the existing Benchers.

fo. 178. Council held on January 27th 8 Anne, 1710.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Robert Holford.

"Ordered that upon every Petty Grand Day 2s. be added to every messe under the Bench; and that noe wine or meat for the future be sent from the Bench to any person."

fo. 179. Call to the Bar, February 3rd, 1710:
Ellis Wynn.*

Call to the Bar, May 6th, 1710:
James Reynolds and George S^t Amand.

fo. 181. Call to the Bar, May 22nd, 1710:
Price Hughes and [John] Norris.

fo. 182. Council held on June 28th, 1710.
Eleven Benchers present.

fo. 183. The petition of the gentlemen of the Society, "touching the reduceing dinners and suppers into one," is continued.

Call to the Bar, November 15th, 1710:
Lewis West, Charles Williams, Henry Window, and John Ecton.

Council held on November 22nd, 1710.
Eleven Benchers present.

fo. 184. "Resolved that from the first day of the next terme the dinners and suppers of this Society be reduced into dinners only, to be provided at two of the clock, according to the prayer of the petition for that purpose."

Council held on November 28th, 1710.
Eleven Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

Sir Robert Raymond, Knight, Solicitor General; to have precedence as a Bencher from Nov. 11th, 1709, the date of his Call to the Bench at Gray's Inn.

Also Edward Harley, Esq., an ancient Barrister, "by consent of the Barristers of this Society who are his seniors."

Council held on December 20th, 1710.
Six Benchers present.

* Apparently the person called in 1702; see *ante*, p. 211.

"Whereas by an Order made the last Councill it was referred to the Masters of the Bench (calling to their assistance such of the senior Baristers of this Society as they should thinke proper) to consult how to putt a former Order, made for reduceed the dinners and suppers of this Society into dinners only, in execucion, and to report their opinions therein in writeing at the next adjourned Councill . . . And whereas the said Masters of the Bench have this day made their Report in writeing, and thereby proposed that the same commons may be from henceforth provided for Sundays, as have been for the tyme past used and accustomed; and that Mundayes, boyled beefe be provided for commons, and exceedings at the charge of the House, after the rate of 2s. per mess; that the same commons be provided for Tuesdayes as have been used for the tyme past; that Wednesdayes, roast loyns of mutton be provided for commons, and exceedings at the charge of the House after the rate aforesaid; that the same commons be provided for Thursdayes as have been used for the tyme past; that fish be provided for commons on Frydays, as heretofore have been usuall; and that Saterdays, roast loyns of mutton be provided for commons, and exceedings at the charge of the House after the rate aforesaid; that in order for procureing better small bear for the future use of this Society, it is thereby proposed that the price thereof may be raised; and that if any gentleman of this Society shall hereafter thinke fitt to repast on a day of exceedings, he is to pay for every such repast 1s. 4d.; and the said Masters did thereby further propose that the Steward of this Society for the tyme being should for the future provide the House exceedings." Ordered accordingly; to begin in Hilary Term next.

Accounts of Fleetwood Dormer, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1710, to Jan. 23rd, 1711.

Receipts: £1,695 4s. 8d. Including £2 5s. 7d. from Robert Eyre, Esq., the late Treasurer; £627 for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £514 14s. 3d. for commons and compositions for not being in commons; £271 1s. 6d. on the Preacher's Roll.

Payments: £1,690 10s. 3d. Including £10 10s. in a purse to Sir Robert Eyre, Knight, Serjeant at Law; 6s. for chains for the Library.

Balance: £4 14s. 5d.

Officers for 1711:

Treasurer: Charles Cox, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: John Hungerford, Esq.

Master of the Library: Fleetwood Dormer, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Sir James Montague.

1711.

fo. 185.

Council held on February 12th, 9 Anne, 1711.

Nine Benchers present.

"Orderd that M^r Browne, the Reader, attend at the next adjourned Council to answer to a complaint relating to a clandestine marriage in the Chappell of this Society."

Council held on April 27th, 1711.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the two watchmen go about every hour, and continue till 4 a clock in the morning in summer time and 6 in winter."

fo. 186.

"Orderd that M^r Lawton's lease be sealed, with the reservacion of a good fatt turkey of 10 lbs. weight to be paid upon the last Munday in Michaelmas Terme yearly."*

Council held on May 14th, 1711.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

John Winkly, and Michael Biddolph.

"Upon the humble petition of the Steward of this Society, shewing that he hath neither sallary nor board wages, and that the profitts of his place are much impaired by the reduceing dinners and suppers into one, the only perquisitt of his place being absent parts, which cheifly accrued by suppers—It is orderd that the Steward be allowed £10 per annum from the beginning of Hillary Terme last, by way of sallary."

Call to the Bar, June 6th, 1711:

Clement Breton.

fo. 187.

Council held on June 20th, 1711.

Seven Benchers present.

"Upon the humble remonstrance of severall gentlemen of this Society, shewing that the servants of the House have of late so far encroachd upon 'em as to introduce a practice of promiscuously letting in gentlemen wholly strangers, and ordinary persons of their own acquaintance, into the pews of the Chappell of this Society, without any distinction or preference first had to the gentlemen of the House; whereby they have often wanted convenient room, and been prevented from attending upon Divine Service there—It is ordered that the officers of the House do not lett any ordinary persons or tradesmen into the pews of the Chappell of this Society till after the Second Lesson be over.'

* See *ante*, p. 232.

Accounts of Charles Coxe, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1711, to Jan. 23rd, 1712.

Receipts: £695 10s. 9d.

Payments: £688 1s. 5d. Including £9 11s. 9d. paid for the taxation of empty chambers and the Window Act.

Balance: £7 9s. 4d.

Officers for 1712 :

1712.

Treasurer : Sir Robert Raymond, Sol. Gen.

Black Book Keeper : Thomas Lee, Esq.

Master of the Library : Charles Coxe, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : Fleetwood Dormer, Esq.

Council held on February 5th, 10 Anne, 1712.*

fo. 188.

Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Richard Wareing and Thomas Frewen.

Call to the Bar, July 2nd, 1712 :

fo. 189.

John Toller.

Call to the Bar, November 11th, 1712:

fo. 190.

James Reynolds the elder.

† M^r James Reynolds senior is admitted into M^r Horatio Walpole's chamber, up the Chapel Stairs, 2 stories high.

Call to the Bar, November 19th, 1712:

Thomas Edwards.

Council held on November 22nd, 1712.

Eight Benchers present.

"Whereas it is found inconvenient in warning of Councells of this Society that there should bee summons for two days successively, and that there should bee a full Quatuor in the Hall when such severall notices are respectively given, and in defect thereof such Councell should not meet—It is now ordered that after a Councell hath been warn'd in the presence of a Quatuor, the same may again bee warned the second day altho' there shall not then bee a full Quatuor in commons in the Hall."

* Apparently no Councils were held between June 30, 1711, and Jan. 26, 1712.

† Red Book II, p. 136. Horatio was brother to Robert, Earl of Orford. He filled many public offices, and was created Baron Walpole of Wolterton in 1756. Died 1757.

fo. 191.

"Upon the mocion of Eldred Lancelott Lee, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench,—It is hereby declared to bee a Standing Order of this House, that all publick moneys belonging to this Society ought and shall bee payd to the Cheife Butler for the time being, as it has been for many years last past."

"Upon the mocion of Charles Cox, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, informing this Counsill that, pursuant to former Orders herein before made touching a prosecucion att law uppon some of the securityes given to this Societie by the will of William Martyn, late one of the Fellows of this Society, execucion had been taken out upon a judgment obteyn'd against one John Brereton, and his goods thereon levyed by the Sheriffe of Norfolk, and £250 had been thereupon paid to the Cheife Butler for the use of this Society; but an action had been commenced by John Brereton, son of the said John Brereton, pretending these goods were his, which action was tryed against the defendant, Framingham Joy [*or* Jay], to whome the said goods were sold by the said Sheriffe, att the last Assizes for the County of Norfolk, and the plaintiff recovered £170 damages, besides £26 costs; And forasmuch as by an Order of Councill held the 14th day of May, undecimo Anne Regine nunc, etc., it was ordered that the said Sheriffe and the party to whome he sold the said goods should bee indemnified by this Society." Ordered that the Chief Butler do pay the £196.

Accounts of Sir Robert Raymond, Knight, Solicitor General, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1712, to Jan. 23rd, 1713.

Receipts: £1,167 6s. 8d. Including £501 for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £219 15s. for compositions for absent commons.

Payments: £1,131 6s. 7d.

Balance: £36 os. 1d.

1713. Officers for 1713:

Treasurer: John Hungerford, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: William Rogers, Esq.

Master of the Library: Sir Robert Raymond, Sol. Gen.

Dean of the Chapel: Charles Coxe, Esq.

fo. 192.

Call to the Bar, January 27th, 11 Anne, 1713:
Banks Robert Jenkinson.

Council held on May 6th, 1713.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Hugh Wrottesley and John Harris.

"It is ordered that the first Saturday in every terme and the last day in every terme be stated and standing Councils, without any warning or notice thereof given in the Hall."

Council held on May 18th, 1713.

fo. 193.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Pursuant to the Report of a Committee appointed to inspect the Orders and consider of proper methods to regulate the expences of this Society—It is ordered that the Treasurer of this Society shall not for the future lay out or expend above the summe of £5 without a speciall Order of Councill, saveing only for the settled and constant expence of this Society."

Call to the Bar, June 6th, 1713:

Charles Crofts.

Council held on June 17th, 1713.

fo. 194.

Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Amos Shephard.

Also John Willes, on his petition "setting forth that hee being admitted here in Hillary Terme, 1708 [-9], and being now a Fellow of All Soules Colledge in Oxon and of 12 years and 3 termes standing in that University, and haveing taken the degree of M.A. six termes before hee was entered of this House, and being alsoe B.C.L. and of sufficient standing to take his Doctor's degree in that Faculty, and haveing performed a great part of his exercises here."

Council held on June 25th, 1713.

Eleven Benchers present.

"The Principall and Antients of Thavies Inn, in consideration *fo. 195.* of the vast expenses that they have been att in repairing and improving the said Inn, desireing a new lease to bee granted to them by this Society for soe many years as, with the remainder of the lease now in being, will make up 50 years, there being about 5 years to come of their old lease." Referred to a Committee.

Council held on November 12th, 1713.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

fo. 196.

Guise Hall and Thomas Pembroke.

"It appearing plainly to this Council that the wall which formerly made the partition between the Benchers' Garden and the Court called Searle's Court, was pulled down att the request and att the proper cost and charges of Sir Thomas Coke, M^r Carey, and D^r Barbone, they then undertakeing to build and erect pallisadoe pales in the roome thereof, for the makeing a better prospect to the said Court; and the said pallisadoe pales, soe erected by them, being now in great decay—It is therefore ordered that M^r Atwell, claiming under them or some of them, doe forthwith repair and amend the said pales and rayles." Otherwise, he must attend the next Council to show cause to the contrary.

Call to the Bar, November 21st, 1713:
Wornell Hunt.

fo. 197. Council held on November 28th, 1713.
Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Brown, the Chaplain, doe not presume to marry any person in the Chappell of Lincoln's Inn, without leave of the Deane of the Chappell for the time being, or, in his absence, without the leave of the senior Benchers then resident there."

Accounts of John Hungerford, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1713, to Jan. 23rd, 1714.

Receipts: £1,005 19s. 9d. Including £200 borrowed on bonds.

Payments: £979 10s. 2d. Including £200 due on bonds.

Balance: £26 9s. 7d.

1714. Officers for 1714:

Treasurer: Thomas Lee, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: William Fellows, Esq.

Library Keeper: John Hungerford, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Sir Robert Raymond, Sol. Gen.

fo. 199. Council held on April 17th, 13 Anne, 1714.
Fourteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Treasurer of this Society, Sir Robert Raymond, Knight, her Majestie's Solicitor General, and Sir James Mountague, Knight, be and are hereby desired to wait on the Right Reverend Father in God, Francis, Lord Bishop of Chester, late Preacher of this Society, and to congratulate him on his being promoted to the said See."*

* Dr. Gastrell was consecrated Bp. of Chester on April 4th, 1714; he died Nov. 24th, 1725. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, where, however, the date of his appointment as Preacher is incorrectly given. His work, *The Christian Institutes*, published in 1727, was dedicated to this Society.

"The Reverend William Lupton, D.D., being this day unanimously elected to be Preacher of this Society in the place of Francis Gastrell, D.D., now Lord Bishop of Chester,—It is thereupon ordered and declared that the said Dr William Lupton be and is Preacher of this Society in the room of the said Bishop of Chester, and that he have the same exhibition, allowances and chamber as the said Bishop had when he was elected Preacher, and that the same duty and attendance be expected from him. And the Treasurer of this Society, Sir Robert Raymond, Knight, her Majestie's Solicitor General, and Sir James Mountague, Knight, are hereby desired to acquaint the said Dr Lupton therewith."*

† If Mr Atwell and the other proprietors of the New Square do not forthwith repair "the palisado pales between the said Square and the Benchers' Garden" by the end of this present Easter Term, "all the shops under both gates in the said Square and all the other shops in the said Square" shall be shut up.

Council held on April 24th, 1714.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Edmund Browne and Jenkin Price.

"In respect that 10s. beer is allowed in the Hall instead of 7s. beer formerly used—It is thought fit and so ordered that no more ale be for the future at the charge of this Society brought into the Hall."

The Chaplain or his substitute shall give a note in writing to the Dean of the Chapel, or in his absence to the senior Benchers then in town, of the Christian and surnames of all persons married by them, with their respective additions; and the same shall be entered in a book to be provided for that purpose.‡

Call to the Bar, May 10th, 1714 :

Marmaduke Darrell and Charles Baldwyn.

fo. 200.

Council held on May 29th, 1714.

Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : John Smith.

Dr Lupton, the Preacher, has leave to alter the windows of his chamber.

* See *ante*, p. 202.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 80.

‡ The earliest extant Register of Marriages in the Chapel begins in May, 1695.

fo. 202. Council held on November 17th, 1 George I, 1714.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

William Boulting, and William Hamilton.

The latter, who was prevented by sickness from receiving the Sacrament on the first Sunday of this term, must, before publication to the Bar, deposit £5 with the Treasurer, as caution money for his receiving the Sacrament on the last Sunday of this term.

Accounts of Thomas Lee, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1714, to Jan. 23rd, 1715.

Receipts: £1,127 10s. 9d. Including £6 16s. from M^r John Sayer, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent; £1 from M^r John Squibb for ground for his burial under the Chapel.

Payments: £1,098 6s. 9d. Including £200 to John Briquett, the Steward, for apparels; 2s. 6d. for a bottle of French wine; 7s. for mending and boiling two candlesticks in the Chapel; £10 10s. to Sir James Mountague, Knight, and 6s. 6d. for a purse; * 6s. 6d. for 13 doz. candlesticks; £1 to M^r Henry Carey for setting the Psalms in the Chapel during Trinity and Michaelmas Terms, 1714.†

Balance: £29 4s. 0d.

1715. Officers for 1715:

Treasurer: William Rogers, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Francis Wilkinson, Esq.

Library Keeper: Thomas Lee, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: John Hungerford, Esq.

fo. 204. Call to the Bar, February 7th, 1 George I, 1715:
Mathew Hawkins.

Council held on February 12th, 1715.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 205. Call to the Bench:
Spencer Cowper, Esq., "Attorney General to his Royall Highnesse the Prince of Wales, and one of his Majestie's Counsel learned." [*fo.* 204].

* He was made a Serjeant on Oct. 26th, 1714, and a Baron of the Exchequer on Nov. 22nd following.

† This had previously been done by Joseph Dampney, the third Butler.

* If Mr John Ducket will leave his moiety of a chamber in Garden Court, Garden Row, to the disposal of the House within a month, then he shall be permitted to have the garret No. 7 in Garden Row; otherwise the former Orders for seizing and padlocking his said chamber shall be put in execution.

Council held on February 22nd, 1715.

Six Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed "to inspect the title of certain copyhold lands in the county of —, holden of the Lord Abergavenny, and devised to this House by the last will of Mr Martin, deceased," and to report.†

Call to the Bar, May 7th, 1715:
John Turner and Thomas Bower.

fo. 206.

Call to the Bar, May 16th, 1715:
Henry Lawton and Thomas Jones.

fo. 207.

Council held on June 3rd, 1715.
Seven Benchers present.

fo. 210.

Call to the Bench:

Mr Richard Buckby, Mr John Eyre, Mr Robert Holford, a Master in Chancery, and Mr Samuel Browning, a Master in Chancery.

Council held on June 18th, 1715.
Six Benchers present.

fo. 211.

Thavys Inn is reported to be in a very flourishing condition; a Committee is appointed to consider of a fresh lease thereof. *fo. 212*

Mr John Hall, an ancient Barrister, who had been invited to the Bench, has declined the same "in very civil terms."

Council held on June 27th, 1715.
Eight Benchers present.

fo. 213.

"Ordered that all the chambers now in the disposition of the House, or which shall hereafter be so, shall from time to time be skreened in the Hall of this Society, that the members of this Society may have notice thereof."

Call to the Bar:
John Cheveley and Thomas Workhouse.

* Red Book II, p. 147. This is the earliest instance of numbers to staircases out of New Square.

† See *ante*, pp. 231, 233.

In consideration of the great debts of the House, It is ordered that all gentlemen in arrear for absent commons shall be allowed to compound for the same, upon payment of half of what is due, before the adjourned Council after this term. But if any such compounders be hereafter called to the Bench or the Bar, or sell their chambers or leave the Society within two years, they shall pay the balance.

fo. 214.

Council held on July 6th, 1715.

Nine Benchers present.

"Upon the subscription of thirty-five gentlemen, being vacation Barristers and Students of this Society, to keep vacation commons, it was represented to this Counsell that an inovation had lately been practised in keeping the said vacation commons, contrary to the Antient and Standing Rules of this Society. Upon consideration whereof, It is ordered that the said gentlemen, the subscribers, be admitted to keep vacation commons, but the same is to be according to the said Antient Rule, viz. :—that 1s. 6d. per week is to be allowed by the said gentlemen respectively for bread and beer, and the remaining 5s. per week for all other provisions; and this Order is to be skreened; and the Steward of this House is to see that the same be observed at his peril."

M^r Rogers, the Treasurer, is empowered to receive proposals for building on that part of the Garden towards Chancery Lane; he is desired "to take care that publick notice be given hereof by an advertizement to be inserted in the Gazet."

fo. 216.

Council held on October 29th, 1715.

Eighteen Benchers present.

The Treasurer is requested to lay before the next Council a plan of the proposed new buildings towards Chancery Lane.

M^r Horsman having perused the deeds and evidences of this Society and "continued an abstract thereof which was entered into a vellum book," the thanks of this Council are given to him; and the Treasurer is desired to give him such fee or present as he shall think fit.

"Upon the petition of Joseph Mason, clerk, alledging that the place of Reader in the Chappell of this Society was become vacant by the death of M^r Adam Brown, late Reader to this Society, and praying to be admitted to serve this Society in the said place; and upon the question put betwixt the said M^r Mason and other candidates for the said place, it being carryed by a great majority for the said M^r Mason—It is ordered that the said M^r Mason be admitted into the place of Reader in the Chappel of this Society."

Council held on November 23rd, 1715.

fo. 217.

Eight Benchers present.

* Mr Hungerford has leave to consolidate his chambers on the ground floor in Gate House Court, Chancery Lane Row, No. 1, "so as to pay and be chargable with single commons only, but as to the Preacher's Roll and all other duties of the House (except commons) the said chambers are to be chargable as before the consolidation."

Call to the Bench: Mr William Gratwick, an ancient Barrister, with his seniority according to his admission.

The Treasurer is ordered to pay two guineas to John Ward, fo. 218. the turnspit, "for paying the surgeon that couch'd his eyes."†

Officers for 1716:

1716.

Treasurer: Spencer Cowper, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Thomas Lee, Esq.

Library Keeper: William Rogers, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Gilbert Horsman, Esq.

Council held on February 10th, 2 George I, 1716.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

fo. 220.

Thomas Wyndham, and Dormer Parkhurst.

"Ordered that the new duties on windows be payd out of the Treasury for three years and one halfe, from Michaelmas, 1710, to Lady Day, 1714."‡

Call to the Bar, April 21st, 1716 :

fo. 222.

John Greene and Mathew Skinner.

Council held on May 14th, 1716.

fo. 223.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

Laurence Carter, Esq., Solicitor General to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and one of his Majesty's Counsel learned.§

Call to the Bar :

John Watts.

* Red Book II, p. 156.

† In a previous petition, Ward states that he is almost blind.

‡ The Window Tax was first established by Stat. 7 Will. III, c. 18.

§ His name heads the list of the Benchers present at the Council held on June 12th.

fo. 224. Council held on June 20th, 1716.
Eight Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed "to consider what expence might be saved to this Society by burning sea coal in the kitchen."

fo. 225. "Ordered that M^r Stroud, bricklayer, be appointed Surveyor and Overseer of all work to be done att the charge of this Society in relation to repaires or any alterations to be made in the buildings belonging to this House, and that noe such worke be done without his advice and direction," (unless by particular Order of the Council).*

Book XI. Council held on October 27th, 1716.

p. 2. Sixteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that none except members of this Society be admitted into the seats or pews of the Chappell till the first Lesson is begunn."

"Ordered that the Rev^d M^r Maugie† (who supplied the place of D^r Lupton dureing his indisposition and absence) be desired to print his sermons on the Lord's Prayer which he lately preached in the Chappell of this Society."

p. 3. Council held on November 20th, 1716.

Nine Benchers present.

p. 4. "Upon the humble petition of Henry Carey, setting forth that he hath for severall years sett the Psalme in the Chappell of this Society, for which haveing noe greater consideration than 40s. per annum, and praying some further augmentation—It is ordered that the petitioner have 20s. per annum added to his former sallary."‡

1717. Officers for 1717:

Treasurer: Laurence Carter, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: William Rogers, Esq.

Library Keeper: Spencer Cowper, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: John Hiccocks, Esq.

p. 7. Council held on January 26th, 3 George I, 1717.
Nine Benchers present.

The lease of Thavies Inn may be renewed for 51 years on payment of a fine of £100.

* These words were added on July 2nd.

† Thomas Maugey, D.D., Chaplain at Whitehall, afterwards Prebendary of Durham. The sermons mentioned in the text were issued in 1716, and new editions in 1717 and 1721. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

‡ Henry Carey, the well-known poet and musician, the author of "Sally in our Alley," and the reputed author of "God save the Queen." See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, and Appendix.

Council held on February 5th, 1717.

Twelve Benchers present.

"On consideration of the severall Orders heretofore made relating to building on part of the Garden towards Chancery Lane, and the petition of severall gentlemen whose chambers are contiguous thereto and would be thereby affected—It is ordered that all such orders be discharged." p. 8.

Call to the Bar :

Henry Betts and Edward Pittman.*

† "Itt is ordered that if any member of this Society, having chambers therein, shall apply for a *bene discessit*, he shall dispose of his chambers before such *bene discessit* shall be granted."

Council held on February 12th, 1717.

Eight Benchers present.

"Notice having bin taken that severall gentlemen of this Society appeare in the Hall either without gowns or with only pieces of gowns, contrary to the known Rules of this Society—Itt is ordered that for the future no gentlemen shall appeare in the Hall but in a decent gown, and that this Order be screened the first day of the next terme."

No gentleman shall be permitted to be in arrear for absent commons above three years. A Committee is appointed "to waite on the Serjeants att Law who have chambers in the New Square, to know what they will be pleased to doe in respect of the payment of their absent commons, and to lett them know 'tis the unanimous request of all the Masters of the Bench that they will take that matter into their consideracion." p. 9.

Council held on February 21st, 1717.

Six Benchers present.

John Bridges, Esq., lately admitted a member of this Society, who was admitted of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple on April 23rd, 1684, shall have the same privileges as if he had been at that time admitted of this Society. p. 10.

Council held on May 11th, 1717.

Seven Benchers present.

All petitions hereafter presented to the Council must be signed by the petitioner. The Chief Butler shall see that this is done.

* Called *Edmund* on admission.

† Red Book II, p. 166.

- p.* 11. Call to the Bar :
Giles Gardiner and Francis Brace.
Council held on May 20th, 1717.
Six Benchers present.
- p.* 12. The draft lease of Thavies Inn is now approved of; it shall be forthwith executed.
"Ordered that for the future no commons be carried out of the Hall on any pretence whatsoever." To be screened.
- p.* 13. Council held on June 3rd, 1717.
Nine Benchers present.
The lease of the house near Newgate Market, now in the possession of M^{rs} Morgan, shall be renewed on payment of a fine of £180 before next term.
- p.* 14. Council held on June 22nd, 1717.
Five Benchers present.
"On the representacion of M^r Horsman, one of the Masters of the Bench, that the seats in the Chappell are not convenient for the wives of the Masters of the Bench and their families"; M^r Treasurer is to consider the matter.*
"Ordered that there be cleane linnen throughout the Hall every day dureing the terme."
- p.* 15. Council held on July 2nd, 1717.
Eight Benchers present.
Call to the Bench :
William Dunch, Esq., John Brown, Esq., and Henry Martin, Esq., Ancient Barristers of this Society.
- p.* 16. M^r Wilkinson, one of the Masters of the Bench, has leave to break out a window in the north wall of No. 1, Searle's Court, which wall is built on the ground of this Society.†
Council held on July 10th, 1717.
Thirteen Benchers present.
"Ordered that Henry Cary be discharged from setting the Psalm in the Chappel, and that John Minshall do the same for future, and do from time to time receive from the Reader direction what Psalm shall be sung."‡

* The hooped petticoats, which came into fashion about 1710, were probably the cause of this complaint.

† See *ante*, p. 172 *n*.

‡ In the margin Carey is called "the Psalm raiser." See *ante*, pp. 244, 248; and Appendix.

Council held on July 19th, 1717.

p. 17.

Nine Benchers present.

"This Councill being informed that the Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls* intends to pull down the house belonging to the Rolls, in order to rebuild the same—Itt is ordered that the Masters of the Bench now present, or as many of them as please, do attend his Honour, and inform him that if he please he may make use of the Hall belonging to this Society, till he shall think proper to make use of the Hall belonging to his own House." †

Council held on November 4th, 1717.

p. 18.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that new table-cloaths be provided for the use of the Bench table, and that there be cleane ones every day."

Council held on November 12th, 1717.

p. 19.

Eight Benchers present.

"Information having bin given to this Councill that Mr Molony has appeared frequently in the Hall in a Barr gown, tho' on enquiry itt does not appeare to them he was ever called to the Barr." He must appear at the next Council.

Call to the Bar, November 20th, 1717:

p. 21.

Thomas Trengrouse; "having an advantageous opportunity of goeing to Jamaica with Sir Nicholas Laws, Governour thereof," he is pardoned the exercises he has not performed.

Accounts of Lawrence Carter, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1717, to Jan. 23rd, 1718.

Receipts: £2,762 16s. 9d. Including £171 8s. 9d., balance from last year; £677 13s. 4d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £972 1s. 2d. for commons and compositions for not being in commons; £310 10s. on the Preacher's Roll; £180 from Mrs Elizabeth Morgan, a fine for the renewal of her lease of the house in Newgate Market; £100 from Mr Nathaniel Brand, Principal of Thavies Inn, a fine for a new lease for 51 years from the feast of the Annunciation, 1717, and £10 15s. for arrears of rent after deduction of £1 15s. for taxes; £6 12s. from Mr Coleman, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent after deduction of £1 8s. for taxes; £1 from Mr Thomas Chetle for ground under

* Sir Joseph Jekyll, so appointed July 13th inst.

† *I.e.*, for hearing causes; see the charge for a green cloth in the Treasurer's Accounts, *post*. The new Rolls House was completed in 1724, and demolished in 1895 to make room for an extension of the Record Office.

the Chapel for the burial of Humfrey Winche, Knight*; £17 10s. for poundage deducted from the tradesmen's bills which ought to have been paid by the Steward, but were paid by Order of the Treasurer to the amount of £343 11s. 4d.; 1s. 8d. for a bottle of wine at the Bench table.

Payments: £2,598 os. 1d. Including 15s. to M^r Carew† for setting the Psalms in Hilary Term, and the like in Easter and Trinity Terms; 10s. for rose water and glasses; 8s. to M^r Hamyden for copying the Catalogue of books in the Library; £1,000 due on bonds and notes; 2s. for a copy of the Articles between the Society and M^r Attwell; £1 1s. paid as a fee for a buck given by my Lady Malbrough; ‡ 6s. for 4 bottles of wine at the "Blewpost"; 8s. for sugar and lemons for the Grace Cup and for tobacco, in Michaelmas Term; £14 to M^r Goodwin for 16 Books of Common Prayer; £6 9s. for the calculation and drawing of the south sundial; 14s. 6d. for glasses; £7 1s. for bonfires [*pro focus letitie*] for the feast days this year; § £1 19s. 6d. for mending the engine; || 15s. to M^r Host for mending the "Meremaid;" ¶ £1 1s. 6d. for a green cloth to cover the Bench table when the Master of the Rolls sits; ** £7 12s. 6d. for a new gown for the Porter of Searle's Court; £51 10s. 4d. for wine, and £20 10s. for French wine.

Balance: £164 16s. 8d.

1718. Officers for 1718:

Treasurer: William Fellowes, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Spencer Cowper, Esq.

Master of the Library: Laurence Carter, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: William Gratwick, Esq.

p. 24. Council held on January 25th, 4 George I, 1718.
Seven Benchers present.

John Briquett, the Steward, is discharged from his office, at his own request.

p. 25. Council held on February 1st, 1718.
Seven Benchers present.

* In the Burial Register he is called Knight and Baronet; the latter title was, according to Burke, wrongly assumed. *Extinct Baronetcies*, 573.

† Carey.

‡ Apparently the celebrated Sarah (Jennings), wife of John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough. The Duke's father, (Sir Winston Churchill) and his brother, Jasper, were members of the Inn.

§ This is the first occurrence of a charge for bonfires on feast days; called in the paper draft of the Treasurer's Roll, "burnfiers on rejoicing days."

|| See *ante*, p. 226.

¶ See *ante*, p. 215.

** See *ante*, p. 251.

"Ordered that leave be given to the proper officers of the Parish of St Clement Danes to renew the marks of the boundaries of their said Parish." p. 26.

Council held on February 12th, 1718.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Resolved and declared that Councils may for the future be held in the Grand Week of any term, for the better dispatch of the business of this Society."

Call to the Bar, May 3rd, 1718 : p. 29.
Ambrose Powis and William Walbanke.

Call to the Bar, May 13th, 1718 :
Randall Wilbraham and John Shafto.

Council held on May 26th, 1718. p. 31.

Ten Benchers present.

James Porter, the third Butler, is appointed Steward during pleasure, at a salary of £30 a year ; he shall take no poundage or other gratuity for what he shall buy for the House. p. 32.

Call to the Bar, June 14th, 1718 : p. 33.
Robert Wilmot and John Coxo.

Council held on June 26th, 1718. p. 34.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that a new lock be forthwith made to each of the gates of the lesser Garden belonging to this House, commonly called the Benchers' Garden, to which the gardiner of this Society only shall have a key ; and that the said gardiner do every night lock up the said Benchers' Garden at the same time that he locks up the large Garden ; and that after the Gardens are so locked up, the said gardiner do attend upon the commands of any of the Masters of the Bench to let them and their friends into either of the said Gardens, as often as he shall be required so to do."

Council held on July 11th, 1718. p. 35.

Eleven Benchers present.

An Order is made for improving and beautifying the gardens according to the proposals of Richard Colchester, the gardener.

A new lease shall be granted to the members of Furnival's Inn, for 60 years from Midsummer last, at the old rent and with the usual covenants, on payment of a fine of £50 and the surrender of the old lease.

p. 41.

"At an Extraordinary Council held on Saturday, the 6th day of December, 1718, upon occasion of the robbery committed in the chamber of John Browne, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench."

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the future no coaches with company in them be permitted to come in at either of the gates belonging to this Society, after 12 of the clock at night.

"Ordered that two Watchmen be added to the number appointed for the daily watch, from the 23rd of October to the 10th of March in every year; and that two convenient stations or centry boxes shall be set up and erected in such places within this Society as M^r Carter and M^r Wilkinson, two of the Masters of the Bench, shall think fitting to appoint; and that these Watchmen do relieve one another every hour.

"Ordered that the Watchmen of the House doe visit every staircase in this Society once every hour in the night, and that they do call and give notice of the hour of the night at the door of every staircase; and that from the 23rd of October to the 10th of March they do not go off the watch till 6 of the clock in the morning; and that in going their rounds they do not always begin at the same staircase, but differently, sometimes beginning at one staircase and sometimes at another.

"Ordered that an Advertisement be published in the Gazette, promising the reward of £40 to such person or persons as shall discover the persons that robbed the said M^r Browne's chamber; to be paid by the Treasurer of this Society upon conviction of the said robbers or any of them; and that application be made to one of the Secretaries of State to procure a promise of his Majestie's gracious pardon to any one of the persons concerned in the said robbery that shall discover his accomplices, so as they may be apprehended and brought to justice.

"Ordered that the Porters and Watchmen of this Society do take effectual care that no loose or suspicious persons be suffer'd to continue in the House after 10 of the clock at night, but that such persons be either turned out of the House or secured in the Porter's Lodge."

Accounts of William Fellowes, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1718, to Jan. 23rd, 1719.

Receipts: £2,273 9s. 3d. Including £752 14s. for absent commons; £336 2s. 6d. for eaten commons.

Payments: £1,839 8s. 10d. Including 30s. to John Minshall for setting the Psalm in Hilary and Easter Terms; 6s. 6d. for mulled sack for the Council Chamber; £1 3s. 6d. "for the head

of a stafe, for Jackson, the Porter, to watch withall"; 2s. 6d. for 1 lb. of wax candles; £10 7s. 1d. "for straburies, peeses, tongues, jellies"; 4s. 7d. to M^r Savage, the cook, "for two chicking and aspparagrase"; 6s. 9d. "for a coole tanckard at the adjorned Councell"; * 5s. to M^r Edwards, the silver-smith, "for studs and fastning the silver on the Common Prayer Book that lyes one the Communion Table"†; 13s. 6d. for 3 flasks of French wine from "the Fountaine" in the Strand; 3s. 9d. for 3 pints of French white wine; 2s. 6d. for 2 pints of sack; 16s. "for 32 glasses of jelley;" 3s. for 2 quarts [?] of white wine for the Grace Cup, from "the Anchor"; 5s. to "a poor woman, for brining home a dish that was stole"; £3 6s. 9d. "for drinck for the bonefiers, 1718," and £4 15s. for faggotts for the same; ‡ £1 12s. to the cook "for 32 mincit pyes the Steward had for commons."

Balance: £434 os. 5d.

Officers for 1719:

1719.

Treasurer: Francis Wilkinson, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Laurence Carter, Esq.

Master of the Library: William Fellowes, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Robert Holford, Esq.

Council held on January 24th, 5 George I, 1719.

p. 42.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the picture of the late Lord Cheefe Justice Rainsford, left to this Society by Richard Buckby, Esq., deceased, late one of the Masters of the Bench, be sett up in the Library."§

Council held on February 3rd, 1719.

p. 43.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Upon the mocion of William Fellowes, Esq, the present Master of the Library,—Itt is ordered that he and all gentlemen who shall hereafter be Masters of the Library, before they buy any books for the Library, do lay a list before the Councill of the books intended to be bought."

p. 44.

Call to the Bar:

John Roberts.

Council held on February 12th, 1719.

p. 45.

Nine Benchers present.

* July 11th.

† See *ante*, p. 252.

‡ Now exhibited in the Library. See Vol. II, p. 330.

§ Now in the Council Chamber.

p. 46.

Call to the Bar :

Roderick Guynne, "upon reading a letter from Robert Price, Esq., one of the Barrons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, which gave him a good character, and requesting it as a favour from this Society." He was admitted on March 2nd, 1713-4, "but should have been admitted two yeares sooner if it had not been omitted by the person to whom orders were given for that purpose."

Also Spicer Wheldon.

p. 49.

Council held on April 28th, 1719.
Nine Benchers present.

p. 50.

Call to the Bar :

Samuel Holford.

p. 51.

"This Council being now informed that William Fellows, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, and a Master of the High Court of Chancery, hath made a very noble present to this Society of a silver monteth, weighing 139 oz. 9 dwt. 10 grs., was now brought in to the Councill Chamber and showne unto the Masters of the Bench then present, and hath the following inscriptions engraven on it, viz^t, on the one side the Coats of Arms and Crest of the said William Fellows, and underneath the same these words, *Donum Gulielmi Fellowes de Eggesford in Com' Devon', Armigeri, Unius Mag'ror' Cur' Canc', et de Banco hujus Hospitij, Anno Dom', 1718.*

"On the other side, the insignia of the said Society, with these words ingraven underneath, *Honorabili Societati Lincolnensis Hospitij.* It is ordered that M^r Treasurer and M^r Rogers, two of the Masters of the Bench, do waite upon the said Mr. Fellowes, and give him thanks, in the name of this Society, for his generosity and kindness to the said Society in this very valuable present." *

Council held on May 11th, 1719.

Ten Benchers present.

p. 53.

"An Order since the last Councill having been made by the Quatuor in commons in the Hall, that no person should bring any doggs into the Hall at dinner time, it being found very inconvenient, and great disturbances frequently arising thereby; and that Jackson, the Head Porter, should put the Order in execution and keep all dogs out of the Hall (to whome soever belonging) whilst gentlemen were at dinner—Complaint was made at this Council that Robert Darwin, Esq.,† a Barrister of this Society, did notwithstanding,

* This is still in the possession of the Society.

† Father of Erasmus Darwin.

bring a dog into the Hall at dinner time, tho' informed of the said order, which was screened for the better publication of it. And the Porter offering to put the said Order in execution, and to turne his dog out of the Hall, the said M^r Darwin did offer to fling a pot at the Porter's head, and threatned to knock him downe; whereby the said Porter was intimidated, and unable to execute the said Order." M^r Darwin now attended, expressed his sorrow, and promised to offend no more.

Call to the Bench:

Sir William Thompson, Sol. Gen., and John Wills, Esq., K.C.*

Council held on May 30th, 1719.

p. 54.

Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

p. 55.

Benjamin Dry and Richard Lely.

"Ordered that the office of the Master of the Gardens be revived, and that M^r Brown, one of the Masters of the Bench, be appointed to execute the said office; and he is hereby impowered to give proper directions to the Gardiner and his servant."

Call to the Bar, June 5th, 1719:

p. 57.

William Heally and Edward Jones.

Council held on June 17th, 1719.

Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

p. 58.

John Bridges, Henry Collett, George Townsend, William Guydott, William Melmoth,† and Isaac Ewer, Esquires.

p. 59.

"Ordered that £40, remaining in the hands of this Society of M^r Colfer's Charity, be distributed by M^r Treasurer, by giving £5 apeice to the eight following persons:—

p. 60.

M^r Sharpe at Tatham, Lancashire.

M^r Burne at Hartlepoole, Durham.

M^r Wharton, lodging in Wood Street, London.

M^r Hawkins in White Cross Street, London.

M^r Torbuck at Elliningham, Hampshire.

M^r Caleb Parfet at Stroude in Kent.

M^r Charles Tough at Berwick.

M^r Knowles at Hipswell in Yorkshire.‡

* Afterwards Att. Gen., and (1737-61) C. J. C. P.

† Author of *The Great Importance of a Religious Life*, 1711. See a new edition of this work, with many antiquarian notes on the Inn generally, by Charles Purton Cooper, 1849. See also, *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

‡ They were probably "poore but pious ministers." See Colfer's will, vol. II, p. 427. See also p. 258.

- p. 62. Council held on October 24th, 1719.
Twelve Benchers present.
- p. 63. Richard Bellasyse, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, shall have his standing in this House as from the date of his admission at the Middle Temple, namely, June 18th, 1689.
- p. 64. Call to the Bench, October 29th, 1719:
George Clive, Esq.
- Council held on November 20th, 1719.
Twelve Benchers present.
Five pounds of M^r Colfer's Charity money shall be paid to M^r Thomas White, Vicar of Ashbury in Wiltshire.
- p. 67. Council held on November 28th, 1719.
Thirteen Benchers present.
- p. 68. Five pounds of M^r Colfer's Charity money shall be paid to M^r Preist, Curate of Bibery in Gloucestershire.

Accounts of Francis Wilkinson, Esq., the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1719, to Jan. 23rd, 1720.

Receipts: £2,260 11s. 10d. Including £459 4s. for commons and compositions for not being in commons; £1 from M^r Clerk for ground under the Chapel.

Payments: £1,813 4s. 3½d. Including 3s. for 4 pints of white wine at the Ship; £1 1s. for cleaning the picture of Justice Ranford;* 16s. for 32 jelly glasses; 4s. 6d. for 6 pints of white wine at Linwood's; 12s. for jellies for Grand Day; £14 2s. 6d. to M^r Rayner for a picture of Justice Hale†; 5s. to Sir William Thompson's clerk, as a fee for half a buck; £21 11s. to M^r Edwards, the silver smith, for a cover for the basin [*pro opaculo† pelvis*] in which the Masters of the Bench wash their hands; £330 to M^r Gibbs for work in the Hall; 1s. 4d. for brandy for the Hall; 1s. to the cook for cooking M^r Lawton's peacock; £16 16s. to M^r Hamer for the clock in the Hall; 5s. for 2 doz. lemons, and 6s. for brandy and sugar for punch; £6 2s. for wood for bon-fires [*pro focis leticie*].

Balance: £447 7s. 6½d.

* *Sic*; Rainsford; see *ante*, p. 255.

† See *ante*, p. 114. There is no trace of any second portrait of Hale.

‡ *Sic*. *Opaculo* is probably an error for *operculo*. See the inventory of June 8th, 1727, *post.*

Officers for 1720 :

1720.

Treasurer : Sir William Thompson, Sol. Gen.

Black Book Keeper : John Willes, Esq., K.C.

Library Keeper : Francis Wilkinson, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : William Fellows, Esq.

Master of the Walks : John Browne, Esq.

Call to the Bar : January 23rd, 6 George I, 1720 :
John Robarts.*

p. 71.

Council held on February 12th, 1720.

p. 74.

Twenty-three Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer [and others] may put out what money the House can spare, on such securities as they shall think fit." [£501 were paid for £500 "S. Se Bo^{ds}"; (*margin*); South Sea Bonds.]

Edward Capper, Clerk, is appointed Chaplain.

p. 75.

Call to the Bar, May 7th, 1720 :
Oliver Horsman.

p. 81.

Council held on May 30th, 1720.

Nine Benchers present.

Ordered that George Townsend, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, "have liberty to come into Council notwithstanding he has not dined in the Hall." p. 82.

"Upon the petition of M^r Edward Capper, Chaplain to this Honourable Society, It is ordered that the said M^r Capper do surrender the living that he now enjoys, before the first day of Michaelmas Term, and that he then acquaint the Council of his having so done." †

Council held on July 6th, 1720.

p. 88.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Capper, the Chaplain, is admitted to the garret, formerly M^r Horton's, three pair of stairs, No. 16, [Old Square]. p. 89.

Council held on November 21st, 1720.

p. 92.

Ten Benchers present.

‡ "Ordered that the Proprietors of Serle Court repair the pavements round the said Court, they being obliged to the same by Articles between them and the Masters of the Bench."

* Apparently the same person as was called on Feb. 3rd, 1719; *ante*, p. 255.

† This was done; p. 92.

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 110.

1721. Officers for 1721 :

Treasurer : John Willes, Esq., K.C.

Library Keeper : Sir William Thompson, Knight, Recorder of London.

Dean of the Chapel : Francis Wilkinson, Esq.

Black Book Keeper : John Brown, Esq.

Master of the Walks : William Melmoth, Esq.

- p. 98. Council held on February 6th, 7 George I, 1721.
Fifteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Richard Edwards.

- p. 101. "Ordered that all the Porters doe turn out beggars and idle boys, whenever they see any about the House; and that two Porters every Sunday assist the Head Porter to keep beggars from the Chappell, and to have 6d. apiece for soe doing."

- p. 102. Council held on February 13th, 1721.
Eight Benchers present.

- p. 103. "Ordered that M^r Edward Capper, the present Chaplaine to this Society, doe demand of M^r Adam Browne, Lectturer of Richmond, son of M^r Adam Browne, late Chaplaine to this Society, the Regester Book of all the marriages consumated in the time of his said father being Chaplaine to this Society, or any other Regester Books whatsoever which he may have in his custody." *

- p. 104. Council held on April 29th, 1721.
Seven Benchers present.

- p. 107. Call to the Bar:
Solomon Emblin.*

"Ordered that the Order for having salt fish and whittings for commons in the Hall on each Friday in Easter and Trinity Termes in this Society, be vacated; and that for the future the first messe of the Benchers that shall be sitting in the Hall in these termes, doe, on each Thursday in every week of those termes, give order what shall be provided for commons for the succeeding Friday, either fish or flesh."

* The earliest Marriage Register now in the possession of the Society begins in May, 1695.

† His Christian name was "Sollom," his mother's maiden name, and is so given in the Admission Register. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

Council held on May 6th, 1721.
Seven Benchers present.

p. 108.

Call to the Bar :

Philip Burton and John Lacy.

"Ordered that, instead of fish, which by ancient custome is the commons every Fryday, the Steward shall provide such commons as the Quatuor at the Bench Table shall direct or appoint; and, in case there shall happen to be a failure of the Quatuor to give such directions, that then the Steward shall provide the same commons as he did the preceeding Friday. And this Order to continue untill the first Council in Michaelmas Terme next." p. 109.

Council held on June 10th, 1721.

p. 112.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the time to come the first Council in every terme be the first day of each terme, and that the former Order for holding it on the first Saturday in the terme be vacated." p. 113.

Council held on June 28th, 1721.

p. 116.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that D^r Wilkins have M^r Selden's voll., *Collectanea ad Titulos Honoris*, out of the Library, upon his note to the Master of the Library to return the same upon demand; and upon the return of those, for to have the *Annotationes Quedam*, upon the same termes." * p. 119.

Council held on October 23rd, 1721.

p. 124.

Seven Benchers present.

† The whole stack of chimneys belonging to No. 23, Gate House Court, is in a very ruinous condition and in danger of falling. It shall be rebuilt with convenient expedition.

Council held on October 27th, 1721.

p. 127.

Six Benchers present.

"Upon reading the petition of John Hope, gent., one of the Fellows of this Society, setting forth that having lately contracted with William Cleland, Esq., for his chambers in the Chappel Staircase, over the Pention Roome and under the Library of this Society, upon taking downe the wainscott which inclosed a partition

* The first of these volumes is Hale MS. XI; the second cannot be identified. David Wilkins, S. T. P., Archdeacon of Suffolk, edited Selden's works, (3 vols. in 6; 1726), to which the Inn subscribed.

† Red Book II, p. 213.

in the said chamber (which he intended to remove), he had discovered a breach in the grand beame or summer, upon which the Library, the Clock, and Cupulo, and the whole building depends, which were in great danger of falling, as is alleaged, and therefore praying that a new beame might be putt in and the building sufficiently secured." Mr Bigge, the Chief Carpenter, reported that there was no breach in the grand beam, and no danger unless the partition was removed. Ordered that the partition be not altered.

Mr Waller must replace the "fane" * lately taken down from over his chambers.

p. 128. Council held on November 16th, 1721.
Fourteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

James Clitherow and William Mears.

p. 129. Rushworth's *Collections* purchased for £5 5s. and £1 8s. for binding.†

Henry Edwards, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, and one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery, is called to be an Associate of the Bench, on payment of 30 guineas.‡

p. 130. Council held on November 28th, 1721.
Ten Benchers present.

p. 131. "Mr Treasurer having acquainted the Councill that he had bought £500 South Sea Bonds at £1 17s. 6d. per cent discount for the use of this Society, the Councill approved of Mr Treasurer's care and good management."

["Note that the £500 of S. Se. Bonds that the House had before, were sold by the Treasurer's order before this Michaelmas(?) Term, 1721; the Masters not approveing of it, these were bought." *Margin.*]

p. 132. Council held on December 7th, 1721.
Nine Benchers present.

"Whereas this Society is about repairing the west window of their Chappel, it was in this Councill proposed by William Fellows, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, that in case this Society would erect an orgen loft under the said window, that he, the said Mr Fellows, for the great respect and honnour he hath for the

* A vane or weathercock.

† Doubtless the edition in 8 vols., published 1721.

‡ This Order is repeated on Jan. 23rd, 1722.

Society, and for the better and more solemn celebration of Devine Service therein, would at his owne expence freely give an orgen suitable to the Chappel—It is ordered that thanks be given to the said M^r Fellows for his said generous offer, and that the same be taken into consideracion."

Officers for 1722 :

1722.

Dean of the Chapel : John Hiccocks, Esq.

Treasurer : Gilbert Horsman, Esq.

Master of the Library : John Willes, Esq.

Master of the Walks : George Clive, Esq.

Black Book Keeper : Henry Martyn, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 8 George I, 1722.

p. 133.

Eight Benchers present.

William Kinaston, Esq., a Barrister of this Society and one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery, is called to be an Associate of the Bench, paying 30 guineas.

Call to the Bar, February 6th, 1722 :

p. 136.

Thomas Gardiner.

Council held on February 20th, 1722.

p. 138.

Nine Benchers present.

* A Committee is appointed "to consider what is fit to be done to prevent the danger of fire from the shops and low buildings under the south and west rowes of buildings belonging to Serle's Court, and also to prevent the like danger from families inhabiting chambers in the said Court."†

Council held on April 11th, 1722.

p. 139.

Nine Benchers present.

‡ Upon the report of the Committee, "who were attended by the carpenter and bricklayer of this Society, that there were chimneys built in the severall shops on the south and west sides of the New Square in the respective occupations of the persons following, viz^t : M^r Sterne, a barber, M^r Sedwick, a sadler, M^r Hughs, a stationer, M^r Andrews, at the Seven Stars,§ M^r Trigge,

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 124.

† These are evidently ranges of buildings outside the Square. Those on the south are still standing, and form part of Carey St. Rocque's Map of 1746, seems to show some similar buildings in Serle St., adjoining the west side of Nos. 10 and 11, New Square.

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 124.

§ The sign of the Seven Stars still exists ; now Nos. 53 and 54, Carey St.

a barber, M^r Ball, a distiller, and M^r Smith, a cork cutter, which, in the opinion of the said workmen were thought dangerous in respect of fire." The carpenter and bricklayer are also to view "the lower rooms under M^r Hart's Coffee House, and particularly that part of them which he useth for brewing," and report.

p. 141.

Council held on April 17th, 1722.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer, and any other of the Masters of the Bench, do return the thanks of this Society to M^r Fellowes for his generous offer of an organ for the Chappel, and to excuse their not accepting thereof; they being of opinion that it would be a means of darkening the Chappel, besides other inconveniences, and would likewise draw a considerable annual charge upon the Society."

* "Ordered that all the chimneys in the severall shops and low buildings under the south and west rowes of buildings belonging to Serle's Court, be pulled down by the respective occupiers of the said shops, within the space of one month from this time; the said chimneys being found dangerous in respect of fire, and also great annoyances to the gentlemen's chambers of this Society which are near the said shops. And it is also ordered that for the future no fires be made in any of the said shops."

The like order as to the shops on the east side of Serle's Court, adjoining or near to the wall of the Kitchen Garden.

p. 142.

Council held on May 1st, 1722.

Six Benchers present.

Posts are to be set up all along the garden wall in Chancery Lane, 4 feet from the wall, to keep off coaches and carriages.

The Treasurer is desired to buy "the book called Ughelli Italia Sacra, in folio in 9 volumes, for the Library." Paid £8. [*Margin*].†

p. 148.

Council held on November 6th, 1722.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Richard Westfield, Thomas Geeres, and William Martin, (who was admitted to the Inner Temple above seven years since).

p. 149.

"Upon the humble petition of the Reverend M^r Edward Capper, Chaplain to this Society, setting forth that the Lecturership of the Parish of St Giles in the Fields being likely to become

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 125.

† By Ferdinandus Ughellus; published at Rome, 1644-62; still in the Library.

vacant, and that he hath been invited by many of the cheife parishioners to supply such vacancy—It is ordered that the said M^r Capper have leave to appear as a candidate for the Lecturership aforesaid.”*

Call to the Bar, November 13th, 1722 :

John Attwood. He was admitted in June [21st], 1717, and must pay £15 “in commutation for the time he wants to make up his full standing.”

Council held on November 28th, 1722.

p. 150.

Seven Benchers present.

“This Society being possessed of two setts of Rymer's *Fœdera*, and M^r Innis haveing offered to give £105 for one of them,” the sale is ordered accordingly; the money is to be laid out in the purchase of other books. p. 151.

Council held on December 10th, 1722.

p. 152.

Eight Benchers present.

“Ordered that M^r Bridges and M^r Ewer be desired to lay before the Lord Cheife Baron [James] Montague, in order for his approbation, a catalogue of such other books as may be thought proper to supply the place of Rymer's *Fœdera*, formerly given by his Lordship to this Society, and now lately sold, with his Lordship's consent, for £105, the Society haveing another sett of those books in their Library.” p. 153.

† Charles Talbot, Esq.,† is admitted to a chamber in No. 10, Serle's Court, two stories from the foundation and on the south side of the staircase; he paid a fine of £10 to the Treasurer; on the nomination of the Assignees of a Commission of Bankruptcy of M^r William Hammond.

Officers for 1723 :

1723.

Treasurer : John Hiccocks, Esq.

Master of the Library : Gilbert Horsman, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : John Willes, Esq.

Black Book Keeper : Edward Harley, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Robert Holford, Esq.

Call to the Bar, February 4th, 9 George I, 1723 :

p. 154.

Robert Eyre and Coulson Fellowes.

* The election took place in May, 1724, when Mr. Capper was not elected. He was again unsuccessful in 1729. Parton, *Hospital and Parish of St. Giles in the Fields*, 1822, p. 410.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 127.

‡ Lord Chancellor and Baron Talbot, 1733.

- p.* 155. Council held on February 12th, 1723.
Six Benchers present.
"Ordered that there be a Sacrament the first Sunday in every month, except the preceding or subsequent Sunday be the first Sunday in the term, and then the Sacrament to be administred the first Sunday in the term; and that this Order be communicated to D^r Lupton by the Dean of the Chappel."
- p.* 162. Call to the Bench, May 9th, 1723 :
Joseph Kirk, John Browne,* and John Washer, Esquires.
- p.* 164. Call to the Bench, May 16th, 1723 :
Peter Davis, Esq.
- p.* 167. Council held on June 14th, 1723.
Twelve Benchers present.
"Ordered that the Society do purchase the area [of Serle's Court], the shoppes adjoining to the Kitchen Garden wall, the shoppes under the two gate wayes of the said Court, the Bogghouse, laystall, and other wast ground." A Committee is appointed to carry this order into execution.
- p.* 170. Council held on July 12th, 1723.
Thirteen Benchers present.
The chambers of D^r Lupton, the Preacher, are too narrow and inconvenient; it is ordered that an additional closet be built for him, to be carried up by the Library window, adjoining the Doctor's chamber.
- p.* 171. "Complaint being made that the servants of this Society, together with gentlemen's servants, do in the time of Devine Servis leave the Chappell, send for drink, and behave themselves disorderly—It is ordered that the two Cheif Porters of this Society attend each at the doore of one of the ills [aisles] in the Chappell, in their proper habitts, with their Porter's staves, all the time of Divine Servis: and that the rest of the servants, whose duty itt is to attend at the Chappell, doo attend in the Chappell all the time of Devine Servis; and that two Badge Porters doe attend at the Chappell Staires to keep away the beggers, and to prevent the disorderly practis complained of, for the time to come."
- p.* 174. Council held on November 12th, 1723.
Seven Benchers present.
"Ordered that the 40s. rent of the Kitchen Garden, now paid to Thomas Ludlam, the Cooke, to provide roots and greens for

* There was already a Bencher of this name, called in 1717, see *ante*, p. 250; they were distinguished as "senior" and "junior."

the use of this Society, be for the future payd to the House ; and the said roots and greens are for the future to be provided by the Steward at the expence of the House."

"Ordered for the future that all repasts on Mundayes, Wensdays and Saterdays be charged at 1s. 6d., and those on Sundays, Tusdays, Thursdays and Frydays be charged at 1s.; and this Order is to be screened." ["Thay was formerly 1s. 4d. and 10d."—*Margin.*]

Accounts of John Hiccocks, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1723, to Jan. 23rd, 1724.

Receipts: £2,257 2s. 5d. Including £684 6s. 7d. from the late Treasurer; £806 os. 5d. for commons and absent commons; £25 interest on £500 South Sea Bonds at £5 per cent.; £7 4s. from M^r [Hadley] Doyley, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent.

Payments: £1,609 5s. 8d. Including £2 14s. for a dozen of French wine; £1 1s. to Sir Robert Raymond's servant as a fee for 2 bucks; 6s. for cleaning the Sacramental vessels [*vasa pro mensa eucharistica*]; 6s. 8d. for 4 bottles of wine at the sign of the Rummer in Chancery Lane; £4 11s. 6d. for billets, faggots and fossil coal.*

Balance: £647 16s. 9d.

Officers for 1724 :

1724.

Treasurer: Robert Holford, Esq.

Master of the Library: John Hiccocks, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: John Browne, senior, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: William Guidott, Esq.

Master of the Walks: John Willes, Esq.

Council held on January 29th, 10 George I, 1724.

p. 179.

Fifteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

p. 180.

William Eyre, Charles Clark and Howell Gwyn.

"It is resolved . . . that no person for the future shall be admitted to move or petition for any chamber, unless itt be for his own use; and shall not be admitted to make use of his seniority in order to preferr any junior." p. 181.

"Resolved . . . that the House will not for the future, upon the calling any gentleman to the Barr, dispence with the non-

* That is, mineral coal, sea coal; to distinguish it from 'coal,' charcoal.

performance of any exercises, or with the want of above one yeare of seven whole yeares standing from the time of his admission to be a member of this Society "

- p.* 182. Council held on February 6th, 1724.
Thirteen Benchers present.
- p.* 183. William Martyn, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, has taken possession of part of the Base Court or Long Yard, making a door into it and sinking a well, without leave from the Bench. He must attend the next Council.
- p.* 184. Council held on February 12th, 1724.
Fourteen Benchers present.
- p.* 185. M^r Martyn's door into the Base Court shall be stopped up, but the window above it may remain. The pit or well may continue in its present state for seven years, he paying an acknowledgment of 5s. a year.
- p.* 189. Council held on April 22nd, 1724.
Eight Benchers present.
The chimneys of the two shops erected on or near the Kitchen Garden wall are a great nuisance to the gentlemen having chambers near to; the proprietors must pull down the chimneys within ten days, or, in default, they shall be pulled down or stopped up by the Society's workmen.
- p.* 192. Call to the Bench, May 7th, 1724:
- p.* 193. William Bird, Marmaduke Alington, George Carew, Thomas Owen, and Samuel Mead, Esquires.
- p.* 195. Call to the Bench, May 18th, 1724:
John Powell,* Esquire.
- p.* 196. Council held on June 5th, 1724.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:
Richard Brydges, Esquire.
- p.* 197. Call to the Bar:
John Spooner, on his petition "shewing that . . . in the year 1713, he (having obtained a certificat of his good behavior from the then Treasurer of this Society) went to S^t Christopher's

* Or Powle.

in the West Indies, and was admitted to practice as a Barrister there and in the Leeward Islands, and was in a year or two afterwards made by his present Majesty, and still continues to be, his Solicitor Generall of those Islands, and hath done very great service to the Crown in those parts, and upon that account hath been well received by the Ministers here, and came lately to England to vindicate the title of the Crown to a great plantacion in S^t Christopher's, and is within a month or two to returne to his stacion in the West Indies."

Council held on June 18th, 1724.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer and M^r Willes do attend M^r Attorney Generall and M^r Lutwich, and desire them to admitt themselves members of this Society, pursuant to the Standing Orders of this Society."*

"Ordered that £1,200 South Sea Annuity be purchased, and *p.* 198. that the same be transferred to M^r Treasurer and M^r Melmoth in trust for Lincoln's Inn."

† Charles Mountague, Esq., is admitted for his life into the chamber at No. 2, Serle's Court, late belonging to his father, Lord Chief Baron Mountague.

Council held on October 23rd, 1724.

p. 205.

Seven Benchers present.

M^r George Robins, one of the Fellows of this Society, has *p.* 206. bequeathed £20 to buy books for the Library.

‡ Sir Philip Yorke, Knight, Attorney General, is admitted into a chamber in No. 4, in Garden Court, Chancery Lane Row, now in the disposition of the House, on payment of £12.

Council held on November 16th, 1724.

p. 208.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :
Mr. Attorney General.

Call to the Bar :
Robert Ord.

p. 209.

* See Order of May 10th, 1694, *ante*, p. 189. Sir Philip Yorke, Attorney General, and Thomas Lutwyche, Esq., were admitted on July 26th, 1724.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 130.

‡ Red Book II, p. 247.

p. 210. Call to the Bench, November 28th, 1724:
The Right Hon. Thomas Wyndham, Esq., C. J. C. P.
Ireland, and a Privy Councillor there.*

p. 211. Council held on December 8th, 1724.
Seven Benchers present.

£500 South Sea Bonds and £600 South Sea Annuities are
to be sold, and tradesmen's bills amounting to £1,280 1s. 6¼d.
shall be paid.

Accounts of Robert Holford, Esquire, the Treasurer, from
Jan. 23rd, 1724, to Jan. 23rd, 1725.

Receipts: £4,197 15s. 8d. Including £1,703 13s. 4d. for
admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £1 from M^r Robins
for a grave under the Chapel; £1 from M^r West for the like;
£531 5s. from the sale of £500 South Sea Annuities; £460 6s. 3d.
for absent commons; £313 10s. for eaten commons.

Payments: £4,081 3s. 10d. Including £10 10s. and a purse
to Sir Robert Raymond, Knight, Serjeant at Law; 4s. 6d. for
glasses and rose water; 5s. for 3 bottles of white wine on S.
George's Day, and the like on S. Mark's Day; £10 10s. and a
purse to Sir Lawrence Carter, Knight, Serjeant at Law; the like
to Serjeant [Mathew] Skinner; £1 for 4 bottles of "Redd Clarrott"
from Fisher's; £1,263 for £1,200 of South Sea Annuities at
105¼; £310 to M^r Hamond for the purchase of the shops by the
Kitchen Garden, and £10 10s. for the costs; £350 for the iron
rails [inclosing the Benchers' Garden.]

Balance: £116 11s. 10d.

1725. Officers for 1725:

Treasurer: Sir Philip Yorke, Att. Gen.
Master of the Library: Robert Holford, Esq.
Dean of the Chapel: Henry Martin, Esq.
Black Book Keeper: William Melmoth, Esq.
Master of the Walks: John Hungerford, Esq.

p. 212. Council held on January 23rd, 11 George I, 1725.
Twelve Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:
John Edwards.

* Adm. at L.I. July 11th, 1698; appointed Nov. 9th, 1724.

Call to the Bench:

The Rt. Hon. Bernard Hale, Esq., Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland and a Privy Councillor there.*

Call to the Bar, January 28th, 1725:
John Nicolls.†

p. 214.

Council held on February 12th, 1725.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that each of the Serjeants at Law who have chambers in this Society, and also Dr. Lupton and M^r Kapper, have keys to the Benchers' Garden; and that no other persons except the Masters of the Bench have a key to the said Garden, without an Order of the Councill."

p. 215.

Avis Dobbs, pamphlet seller, tenant of one of the shops in the New Square, petitions for an abatement of rent and certain repairs.

Council held on February 25th, 1725.

p. 217.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the engine for cutting the trees in the garden be taken ten foot shorter."

Council held on April 22nd, 1725.

p. 218.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Thomas Edwards and Thomas Gill.

‡ The shops in Serle's Court adjoining M^r [George] Carew's chamber are to be taken down, and the rails continued. M^r Carew may enlarge his window towards the New Square.

Council held on May 10th, 1725.

p. 221

Eleven Benchers present.

Dr Lupton is desired to print the sermon he preached in the Chapel on May 2nd last.

"Ordered that the shops which were taken down near M^r Carew's chamber, be built on the west side of Lincoln's Inn Hall, next the entry to the said Hall, and on the north side of the entrie."

* Adm. at L. I. Feb. 15, 1710; appointed June 9th, 1722.

† *Nicoll* on admission.

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 136. Mr. Carew's chambers were at No. 17, Old Buildings, ground floor, (Red Book II, pp. 33, 356, 361), between the present Nos. 16 and 18; they are now entered from New Square, and numbered 13. The present No. 17 is at the south end of the old Hall, and occupied the space behind the screen.

p. 223. "A representacion signed by severall of the Barristers and Students of this Society being laid before this Councell, setting forth that they being, pursuant to a late Order of the Bench, refused keys to the new railed garden, did conceive the said Order to be an infringement of their right for the Benchers to appropriate the said garden to themselves, since the Barristers and Students have an equall right to and interest in their respective chambers to which the said Garden belongs, and it being the ground of the Society at large, and repaired at the publick expence, and never before appropriated to the sole use of the Benchers.

"And further setting forth that they who have or may have a right to keep Vacacion Commons think themselves aggrieved by being refused liberty to keep them according to the usage of this Honourable Society, and yet be obliged to pay a fine for not keeping those Vacacion Commons, which is not in their power to do.

"It is Ordered that such Barristers or Students as are obliged to keep Vacacion Commons shall have a liberty to keep the same, if there is a subscription of 21 gentlemen for that purpose; and such number may consist as well of those who are not obliged to keep Vacacion Commons, as of such as are. And in case any Barrister or Student who is obliged to keep Vacacion Commons, shall not think fit to keep the same, he shall be at liberty to compound the usual forfeitures paid in such cases, for one half thereof.

"And it is further Ordered that all gentlemen who keep Vacacion Commons shall come into the Hall with their gowns, and wear them during the time of dinner; and each gentleman is to allow 1s. 6d. per week towards the expences of bread, beere, charcoal, &c."

As to the Benchers' Garden, the consideration thereof is adjourned until next term.

* The proprietors of Serle's Court, representing that several of the chambers and houses in that Court have been disposed of to different purchasers, all of whom depend upon the one title, pray that the title deeds of the Court may be kept in the Library, or some other convenient place, and taken care of by this Society. Ordered accordingly.

p. 227.

Council held on June 16th, 1725.
Seventeen Benchers present.

"The Masters of the Bench—taking into their consideracion that part of the representacion laid before them by severall

Barristers and Students of the Society upon the 10th of May last, which relates to the Benchers' Garden; although they are well satisfied that the right of making Orders and giving direction concerning all the publick Buildings, Gardens and Walkes belonging to the Society, is in the Masters of the Bench, as incident to the Government of the House; and that the said Benchers' Garden is and hath been always deemed to be for the separate use of the Benchers—Yet for accomodating all the gentlemen of the Society, both Barristers and Students, for the future, have thought fit to order that one of the officers, servants or porters of the House, to be from time to time appointed by the Treasurer for the time being, shall attend at the great iron gate of the said Benchers' Garden to open the same to any of the gentlemen of the Society, at such times as the gate of the Great Garden hath been usually opened."

Council held on June 30th, 1725.

p. 230.

Fourteen Benchers present.

* The owners of chambers in Serle's Square must contribute £16 a year, being half the cost of providing a porter and watchman for the Gate there and cleaning the Bog House. It is proposed to raise this sum by an assessment of 5s. 6d. a year on each ground chamber, and 4s. 6d. a year on each chamber "up 1 and 2 pair of stairs."

As to the gravelling and paving of Serle's Court, the Articles made between M^r Serle and the Bench do not contain any agreement on that head, but it is conceived that it ought to be done by the owners of chambers in the Square. An estimate has been obtained for doing this, amounting to £109, which it is proposed to raise by payments of £1 17s. 6d. for each ground chamber, and £1 10s. for each chamber one and two pair of stairs.

Council held on October 23rd, 1725.

p. 231.

Ten Benchers present.

† Peter Davis, Esq., a Benchers, has leave to resign his chamber in Chapel Court, Chapel Row, to Robert Davis, his son, one of the Fellows of this Society. Fine, £10.

Council held on October 25th, 1725.

p. 232.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that an humble invitation be made to the Right Honourable the Chancellor of the Exchequer,† the Chief Justice

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 143.

† Red Book II, p. 255.

‡ Robert, Lord Walpole, afterwards Earl of Orford; adm. 1697.

of England,* the Master of the Rolls,† the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas,‡ and the rest of the Judges and Serjeants at Law of this Society, to dine in Lincoln's Inn Hall on Candlemas Day next."

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Call to the Bar, November 8th, 1725 :
Edward Clive.

Council held on November 12th, 1725.

Eight Benchers present.

§ "Proposals by the York Buildings Company to the Society of Lincoln's Inn, for a reservoir to be made in some part of the Society's ground.

"Imprimis, that a circular or oval or oblong bason (which of them the Society pleases) of 70 feet diameter if circular, and of 70 by 50 if oblong, and 7 or 8 feet deep, viz. 3 feet above ground and 4 or 5 sunk, or such dimentions as the Society will allow of, be dugg at the Company's charge in such part of the New Square or common garden as the Society think fitt, with a coping of stone work and iron rails round, according to the plan hereto annexed.

"2. That the said reservoir be supply'd with Thames water, from which the Company shall lay a communication pipe to the basons belonging to the Inn, to serve the Society with water on such terms as they themselves shall judge reasonable.

"3. That the ground for the said reservoir be granted rent free; the Great Square shall at the charge of the Company be kept watered all the summer, so as to free it from dust; and what gravell is dugg from the reservoir shall be laid by the Company in such place or places as the Society shall direct.

"4. That they shall see the Fire Engine belonging to the Society kept in good order, with every thing necessary to extinguish fire in case a misfortune should happen, and shall present the Society with one of Newsham's engines."||

"5. That they shall be permitted to lay proper pipes from the abovesaid reservoir or bason to convey the water to the Temple and other places adjacent, the Company making the pavement, or wheresoever they digg, as good as before their digging.

"That the reservoir shall be made so as to fling up the water from some proper figure to be fixed in the middle of it, and the other fountains to be made to play.

* Sir Robert Raymond.

† Sir Joseph Jekyll.

‡ Sir Robert Eyre.

§ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 145.

|| Richard Newsham, a maker and patentee of fire-engines; see *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

"In case of fire the water can be forced into leathern pipes by the great engine at York Buildings,* and from the superior height of water in their great reservoir at Marylebone Fields, by fixing the leathern pipes to fire pluggs made in the mains which distribute the water through the town, from which leathern pipes the water can immediately be directed in much greater quantities, and with greater force and certainty on the fire, than by any other engine."

These proposals shall be considered.

Council held on November 29th, 1725.
Six Benchers present.

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Call to the Bar:

Robert Davison † and John Bluett.

"Mr Hungerford having acquainted this Councell that Mr Cowper had desired him to pay six guineas to commute for his Treasurer's Feast, and Mr Hungerford having now paid the same to the Chief Butler—It is ordered that the Chief Butler do attend the several gentlemen who have succeeded the said Mr Cowper as Treasurers to this Society, and desire each of them to make the like payment." ‡

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Accounts of Philip Yorke, Knight, Attorney General, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1725, to Jan. 23rd, 1726.

Receipts: £2,152 15s. 2d. Including £35 interest on £700 South Sea Annuities.

Payments: £1,829 6s. 10½d. Including £3 paid for Sir Ralph Winwood's book over and above the money subscribed; § £1 11s. 6d. for binding the same; £10 11s. to Baron Hale in money and for a purse on his being created Serjeant at Law; £7 4s. to Mr Edwards, the silversmith, for 2 doz. silver gilt spoons; £5 12s. to Mr William Coles for mending the fire-engine; £4 1s. 11d. for mending, cleaning and painting 42 lamps; £1 1s. to Mr Ewer for a book written by Mr Thomas

* York Buildings, Strand, at that time a general name for the streets and houses erected on the site of old York House, but now restricted to one street. Wheatley and Cunningham, *London, Past and Present*, where is also an account of the waterworks.

† Adm. May 5, 1721.—*Admission Register*, I, 387, where the name is misprinted *Davis*. He is described simply as *generosus*, and may have come from some other Inn. The text states that he was of "full standing," i. e. seven years.

‡ Spencer Cowper was Treasurer in 1716. In the margin is "Rec^d 63 li."

§ Memorials of Affairs of State in the Reigns of Q. Elizabeth and K. James I, collected (chiefly) from the original papers of Sir Ralph Winwood, by Edmund Sawyer. 3 vols. folio, London, 1725.

Herne by the subscription of M^r Hiccocks* ; £22 1s. for 10 doz. of French wine bought of M^r Hungerford's friend, and £1 14s. for bottles ; £2 2s. to John Hiccocks, Esq., the subscription for a book called *Antiquitatum Asiaticarum Reliquiae* in royal paper.†

Balance : £323 8s. 3½d.

1726. Officers for 1726:

Treasurer: John Browne, senior, Esq.

Charles Talbot, Esq., Sol. Gen.‡

Master of the Library: Sir Philip Yorke, Att. Gen.

Dean of the Chapel: Sir William Thompson.

Black Book Keeper: George Clive, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Francis Wilkinson, Esq.

p. 238. Call to the Bar, January 24th, 12 George I, 1726:
Edward Simpson and Richard Chandler.

p. 239. Council held on January 29th, 1726.
Twelve Benchers present.

The guests invited for Candlemas Day have accepted the invitation; after dinner there is to be "the usuall enterainment of musick and dancing, with proper illuminations on such occasions. And for that purpose, to the intent that all things relateing thereunto may be performed in the most decent and becoming manner, and thereby all confusion and disorders as much as possible prevented—It is ordered that the said Hall be illuminated upon next Munday night, and that the musick appointed be rehearsed upon Tuesday next at dinner; and that the ticketts for such enterainment be delivered out in the numbers and manner following, viz: to each Bencher of this Society four ticketts, to the Master of the Revells twenty ticketts, to the two Gentlemen Sewers two ticketts each, to the Assistant Sewers one tickett each, to the two Gentlemen Singers two ticketts each, to M^r Fothergill two ticketts, to each Barrister of the said Society who have chambers in his own right one tickett, and to the Italian Singers four ticketts; the which said ticketts are to be numbered 1, 2, 3, etc." . . .

p. 240. Council held on January 31st, 1726.
Twelve Benchers present.

The Order as to the tickets for the entertainment on Candlemas Day "hath given great uneasiness and discontent to

* Hearne published several works about this date.

† This work cannot be identified, either in the Library or in any bibliography.

‡ Appointed July 27th, on the resignation of M^r Browne.

the greatest number of the gentlemen of the said Society, who, being thereby excluded from the benefit of any of the said ticketts, would in consequence be deprived of those priviledges they alwaies on such occasions used to enjoy in common with the rest of the members thereof, now by vertue of the said Order entitled to such ticketts. To preserve peace and prevent disorders, therefore, that may arise in the makeing of such distinctions, It is ordered that there shall be no publick ball upon the said day, or any seates put up in the said Hall," and the former Order as to ticketts is cancelled.

"And Mr Brown, the present Treasurer, . . . signifying *p.* 241. his desire to be dispensed with from attending and acting in his place as Treasurer upon the said Grand Day,—It is so ordered accordingly.

"And it is further ordered that the Master of the Revells be allowed out of the publick treasury of the said Society for his entertainment on the said Grand Day, the summe of £25 and no more."

Council held on February 1st, 1726.

Eighteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that all the Barristers and Students do on Candlemas Day next take their places at the table before the Judges come into the Hall, and be standing up in their places when the Judges enter the same; and that no gentleman under the Barr shall take place of any Barrister that shall be in the Hall at the time of saying grace; and that the Barristers shall take place according to their senioritys."

"Ordered that the Councill Chamber and Hall be lighted *p.* 242. up on Candlemas Day next with wax candles in glass sconces in such places as are convenient."

Call to the Bar, February 4th, 1726:

John Pollin.

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Council held on February 7th, 1726.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

The Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, Knight of the Bath, and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"Ordered that no gentlemen, Barristers or Students of this Society, shall take their places at the table in the Hall till grace is said; and that no gentleman under the Barr shall take place at the table of any gentleman of the Barr that shall be in the Hall at the time of saying grace."

- p.* 245. Call to the Bar, February 10th, 1726:
Gwynn Vaughan.

Council held on February 12th, 1726.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that no gentleman be admitted to any chamber to qualifie him to be called to the Barr, for a less fine than the summe of £20."

Mr Edward Ford, a member of this Society, is allowed 20s. for the relief of his necessities.

- p.* 246. Council held on February 25th, 1726.
Nine Benchers present.

- p.* 247. Thomas Judson, the Steward's man, is appointed Caterer to the Society, in the room of James Porter, appointed Second Butler.*

Mr. Farshall, the Chief Butler, is to be paid £10 10s. "for his great care, trouble and diligence on the Grand Day, and other services done to this Society."

- p.* 248. The Cook is allowed £5 extra for his expenses on the Grand Day.

Council held on April 27th, 1726.
Seven Benchers present.

- p.* 250. The Lord Chief Justice of England, [Sir Robert Raymond], has leave to compound his absent commons, upon payment of one half of what is due; † if he shall sell his chamber within two years he must pay the remainder.

The Treasurer is to pay to Mr William Hill, a poor member of this Society, £2 2s. towards his support.

- p.* 253. Council held on May 11th, 1726.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:
Henry Montague and William Dobyns.

Call to the Bench:
Charles Talbot, Esq., Solicitor General.

- p.* 255. Council held on May 23rd, 1726.
Seven Benchers present.

- p.* 256. Mr Thomas Ludlam, the cook, shall be immediately discharged.

* In Porter's petition for the post of Second Butler, he calls himself Third Butler.

† This was the usual rate of composition.

"Ordered that 24 old silver spoons be exchanged for 24 new fashioned silver spoons in a case."

Council held on June 14th, 1726.
Eleven Benchers present.

p. 258.

Call to the Bar :
William Lampton.

"Ordered that the Order of the 18 May, 1713, relating to the Treasurer's laying out no more than £5, be constantly read at the first Councill in every terme; and that a copy thereof be deliver'd to every Treasurer upon his entring upon the office."*

Council held on June 16th, 1726.
Eight Benchers present.

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† The Report of the Committee on the New Square.

"Whereas there is a yearly summe of £3 now paid for cleaning the Boghouse, and £26 a yeare paid to the Porter of the New Square for himself and a watchman, whereof one moiety is paid by the House and the other moiety was paid by Atwill and Hamond. And whereas there is a yeare and halfe of the said yearly payments due and in arrears at Midsummer next, amounting to £24. And whereas the area of the New Square and the pavements of the gutters belonging thereto are very much out of repair. And whereas it has been computed that the charges of new gravelling the Square and repairing the said pavements, exclusive of such part as belongs to the old part of the Society, will amount to £73 or thereabouts, which, together with the said £24, will amount to £97.

"It is proposed that the respective proprietors of chambers in the New Square shall pay down the summe of £320† to the House, in consideration of being for ever acquitted and discharged from paying their respective proporcons of the said yearly summes of £3 and £13 a yeare, to be raised and paid by the respective proprietors in the following proporcons, viz^t: Each proprietor of a ground chamber to pay £5 10s., and each proprietor of a chamber one pair and two pair of staires to pay £4 10s. And that as to the charges of gravelling and repairing the Square, amounting to the said summe of £73 or thereabouts, it is proposed that each proprietor of a ground chamber shall pay towards the said charges £1 5s., and each proprietor of a chamber one and two pair of stairs £1.

* See *ante*, p. 241.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 153.

‡ 20 years' purchase on £16 a year.

"And that in consideration of the said severall payments the House do forever take upon themselves the payment of the said yearly summes of £3 and £13, to the Porter and for keeping the Boghouse, and do within a reasonable time new gravell the said Square and make good the severall pavements of the gutters belonging thereto.

"And it is further proposed that the House do for ever after keep the area of the said Square well gravelled, and the gutters and pavements of the said gutters in the said Square in good repaire. And in consideration of the annual expences which the Society will be at by the doing thereof, there shall be paid to the House the further summe of £73, to be raised" as aforesaid.

The Report is adopted and agreed to.

Call to the Bar :
Capell Appleby.

p. 262.

Council held on July 27th, 1726.
Nine Benchers present.

Charles Talbot, Esq., Sol. Gen., is appointed Treasurer for the remainder of the year, M^r Brown having resigned.

* "Ordered that the New Square be forthwith repaired, according to the proposition subscribed by the proprietors of chambers belonging to the same and agreed to by the Masters of the Bench; and that the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench now present, or any three of them, from time to time give proper directions concerning the same.

"And to the intent that no obstruction be given to the carrying on and compleating the said repaires as soon as possible—It is further ordered that no gentlemen's or hackney coaches or horses be permitted to come into the said Square, or any carriages whatsoever, untill the next terme, except such as are necessary for and employed in bringing in gravell and other materialls for the carrying on the said repaires. . . . And to the end the Inn may be the sooner and better enlightened, and mischeife for want thereof effectually prevented—It is further ordered that the person employed for that purpose do begin to put up the lights thereof upon the 8th day of August next."

p. 264.

Council held on October 28th, 1726.
Six Benchers present.

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 155.

Call to the Bench :

Richard Foley, Esq., an Associate of the Bench and a Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas ; without prejudice to the rights of his seniors.

Call to the Bar, November 8th, 1726 :

Henry Banks.

Council held on November 28th, 1726.

p. 266.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the two uppermost seates, opposite to and *p.* 267
devided by a partition of wainscot from each other, in the body
of the Chappell, be fited up, in like manner as the Benchers'
seates are, for the Judges, Serjeants and King's Councell of this
Society, and appropriated for their recepcion when they are pleased
to attend Devine Service there; and that the three next successive
seates below each of the said uppermost seates be kept and reserved
for the sole use of the Benchers thereof; and that the two next
seates to the lowest of the seates kept and reserved for the
Benchers, be left for the Barristers of this Society; and that no
gentleman under the Bench be admitted into any of the seates
appropriated and reserved for the Masters of the Bench."

* Those having chambers in the New Square must pay their
proportions for the gravelling by the first Council of next term;
in default their chambers shall be padlocked.

Council held on December 8th, 1726.

p. 268.

Eight Benchers present.

M^r Robert Nicholson, the pewterer, shall be paid £42 10s.
and no more, for the use and loss of pewter on February 2nd last.

Accounts of Charles Talbot, Esquire, Solicitor General, the
Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1726, to Jan. 23rd, 1727.

"Note that John Browne, Esq., was the Treasurer for
Hillary Term, 1725[-6], Easter and Trinity Terms, 1726; he
sold his chamber No. 12, in Chapell Court and Dyall Row, and
Charles Talbot, Esq., his Majesty's Sollicitor General, was
Treasurer for the rest of the time. This booke hath been
carefully adjusted."†

Receipts: £2,609 1s. 3d. Including £391 11s. 8d. for
absent commons; £488 12s. 6d. for eating commons; £498

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 157.

† This account is taken from the rough day book, which probably does not
contain all items, as it is not balanced up.

16s. 8d. upon Serle's Court Roll; £7 4s. from M^r Thomas Denton, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent, less 16s. tax.

Payments: £24¹² 15s. 6d. Including £6 12s. 8d. for 46 lbs. of white wax candles at 2s. 8d. the lb.; £13 1s. 6d. for extra help in the kitchen on Grand Day in Hilary Term, and £21 for music; 4s. to M^r Hart, the coffee man, for fine pale ale; £25 to the Master of the Revels, in full for his dinner; 15s. for binding two vols. of Montfaucon's *Antiquities*; £1 1s. to M^r Talbot's clerk as a fee for a buck; £17 5s. 8d. for round and square trenchers; 11s. 3d. for pots bought at the Temple; £174 15s. 11d. for wine.

Balance: £124 13s. 2½d.

1727. Officers for 1727:

Treasurer: Henry Martyn, Esq.

Master of the Library: Charles Talbot, Esq., Sol. Gen.

Dean of the Chapel: William Guidott, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Isaac Ewer, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Gilbert Horsman, Esq.

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Council held on January 23rd, 13 George I, 1727.
Twenty-two Benchers present.

"The Rev^d M^r Thomas Herring, B.D., being this day elected to be Preacher of this Society in the place of the late Rev^d D^r William Lupton,* deceased,—It is thereupon ordered and declared that the said M^r Herring be and is Preacher of this Society, and that he have the same exhibition, allowances and chamber as the said D^r Lupton had when he was elected Preacher; and that the same duty and attendance is expected from the said M^r Herring; and that M^r Attorney General [Sir Philip Yorke] is hereby desired to acquaint the said M^r Herring therewith.†

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer do give five guineas to the Rev^d M^r Batty, for having supplied the place of the late Rev^d D^r Lupton several times during the said D^r Lupton's illness."

‡ Sir Philip Yorke, Knight, Attorney General, has chambers at No. 4, Serle's Court, one story high on the west side of the stair case.

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Council held on February 6th, 1727.
Nine Benchers present.

* Died at Tunbridge Wells, Dec. 14th, 1726. Cooper's *Melmoth*.

† See *ante*, p. 243.

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 158.

Call to the Bar :

Edward Willes.

The constables who attended at the House on the Grand Day in last Hilary term, shall be paid 5s. each.

"Ordered that the old flaggon, cup, and salt cellar be distinctly weighed, and brought before the Masters of the Bench at the next Council, in order to exchange the same for two tankards or cups; and that the goldsmith attend at the same time with patterns."

Council held on February 13th, 1727.

p. 272.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that the old plate . . . be changed for two cups and covers, of £20 value each cup and cover, including the charge of engraving the armes; and that M^r Treasurer pay the overpluss mony above what the old plate will make."

Council held on April 27th, 1727.

p. 277.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Taylor White.

* "Ordered that a pavement be made cross the New Square, from the broad pavement on the east side thereof, at the passage leading to Chichester Rents, to the pavement on the west side thereof, at the passage leading to the little back gate; and that M^r Treasurer do agree and pay for the same cross pavement."

* "Ordered that the proprietors of the shopps in the passage leading from the New Square to the little back gate do repair the pavement in the said passage within a fortnight, or in default thereof the said little back gate to be shutt up."

Call to the Bar, May 2nd, 1727:

Edward Hale.†

Council held on May 15th, 1727.

p. 278.

Nine Benchers present.

‡ "Ordered that M^r Farshall desire M^r Dixon to produce the conveyance made to him of the area of the New Square, to M^r Treasurer, in order to have a conveyance from the said M^r Dixon of his trust estate therein to the present Trustees for the House."

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 162.

† Edward Bisse Hale.

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 166.

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Call to the Bar, June 2nd, 1727 :
John Davis and Robert Keyworth.

Council held on June 8th, 1727
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Richard Hassell, John Hassell, Philip Henry Warburton and
George Prichard.

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"An Account of what House Plate the Chief Butler hath
in his care that hath been presented to the Hon^{ble}
Society of Lincoln's Inn, and is as followeth :—

Ex dono	M ^{rs} Elizabeth Wharton, 1652, a Bason and Ewer, w ^t ...	202 oz.
Ex dono	Edw ^d Rich, Gent., 1666, a Cupp and Cover, w ^t ...	56
Ex dono	Aurthur, Earl of Anglesey, 1675, a Bason and Ewer, w ^t ...	174 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ex dono	Tollemache Duke, Gent., 1676, a pair of Candlesticks, w ^t ...	153 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ex dono	Rich ^d Raynsford, 1676, a Grace Cupp, w ^t ...	51 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ex dono	Sir John Franklyn, 1707, two Flaggons, two Cupps and four Covers,* w ^t ...	300
Ex dono	W ^m Fellows, Esq., 1718, a Monteth and Coller, w ^t ...	138 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ex dono	John Wynnyffe, Esq., a Cupp and Cover, w ^t ...	56
Ex dono	John Greene, Esq., a Grace Cupp, w ^t ...	32 $\frac{3}{4}$

HOUSE PLATE.

A Bason Cover, w ^t ...	58 $\frac{1}{2}$
24 Spoons, w ^t ...	50
24 silver gilt Jelly Spoons, w ^t ...	13 "

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Call to the Bar, June 16th, 1 George II, 1727 :
Edward Stables and Robert Davis.

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Council held on June 21st, 1727.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer do lay out a sufficient sum of
mony in the purchase of £800 South Sea Annuity Stock, in the
names of M^r Holford and M^r Melmoth."

p. 283.

"Upon the complaint made by the Cook of this Society that
the dishwasher doth not come at proper times to do her business,
and is very sluttish, and altho' he has reprimanded her for it, yet
she still continues the same, and gives him saucy language, and
will not do as he orders her ; and lately, upon some difference
between her and the second cook, she threw a pott at his head,

* Sir John gave the chalices, but the flaggons were bequeathed by his uncle,
Nicholas, in 1658. See Vol. II, p. 420.

and wounded him so that the Surgeons could hardly stop the blood and were afraid he would loose his life, and is at present very ill"—the Treasurer is ordered to inquire into the matter.

Council held on July 6th, 1727. *p.* 284.

Ten Benchers present.

The £800 South Sea Annuity Stock cost £818. *p.* 286.

"Ordered that M^r Holford and M^r Melmoth do declare the said trust in writing, as well of the said £800 South Sea Annuity lately purchased, as of the £700 South Sea Annuity heretofore purchased in their names in trust for this Society."

Council held on November 6th, 1727. *p.* 288.

Fourteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

George Hyde, and Joseph Hinxman.

Also Edward Walpole, although only admitted on Nov. 29th, 1723, "he being obliged to be called to the Barr as a qualification for his being Master of the Exchequer Office of Pleas;" he must pay "all such arrears and duties as are or would become due in case he had stay'd untill he had been of full standing."

"Ordered that no person for the future shall be admitted into any chambers consolidated, upon the surrender of any person, without paying a distinct fine for each chamber or part of a chamber so consolidated." *p.* 289.

Council held on November 10th, 1727.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

John Philips and Charles Waller.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer do give unto Jackson, the Porter, *p.* 290. a guinea for playing the engine at the fire in Butcher Row,* and to Baker half a guinea, and to the other four Porters, undercook and washpott that assisted, 5s. a piece."

† It is reported that William Martin, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, is doing some building at No. 5, New Square, which will be dangerous in respect of fire, and will spoil the uniformity of the Square, and for which he has not obtained the leave of the Bench.

* A block of houses formerly stood to the east of S. Clement Dane's church, which was taken down in 1813, and the site thrown into the Strand. The narrow street to the north of this block, along the present frontage of the Law Courts, was Butcher Row.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 170.

He must attend the next Council, and not go on with the work in the meantime.

Council held on November 13th, 1727.

Thirteen Benchers present.

* M^r Martin attended this Council, and expressed his sorrow for altering his roof without leave. Ordered that he do forthwith at his own expense restore the same to its former condition. M^r Bigg, the carpenter of the House, shall see that it is done in a substantial and workmanlike manner.

p. 291.

Council held on November 16th, 1727.

Nine Benchers present.

* M^r William Martin refusing to carry out the Order of the last Council, It is ordered that he, for his said contempt, be and he is hereby expelled this Society, and declared to be no longer a member thereof.

p. 294.

Council held on November 23rd, 1727.

Twelve Benchers present.

† "Ordered that M^r [Robert] Darel do forthwith remove M^r Martyn out of his, the said M^r Darel's, chamber up two pair of stairs in No. 5 in the New Square, he, the said M^r Martyn, being no member of this Society; And that the said M^r Darel do forthwith put the roof of the said chamber in the form and condition the same was in before it was lately taken downe."

Council held on November 28th, 1727.

Ten Benchers present.

p. 295.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer do write a letter to M^r Towers in answer to his to M^r Treasurer relating to M^r Tankred's designed benefaction to this Society, and to acquaint the said M^r Towers that it does not at present stand with the conveniency of this Society to discharge the incumbrances upon the said M^r Tankred's estate."

Accounts of Henry Martin, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1727, to Jan. 23rd, 1728.

Receipts: £3,212 16s. 5½d. Including £124 13s. 2½d. from the late Treasurer; £1,430 for chamber fines, (including one of £250 and one of £260); £545 6s. 6d. for absent commons; £403 2s. 6d. for eaten commons.

* Serle's Court Book I, p. 171.

† Serle's Court Book I, p. 172.

Payments: £3,148 3s. 5d. Including 5s. to "Wm Redington, to encourage him to burne the charme and looking after the people in the kitchen"; 15s. 6d. for white wine for the grace cup and for cool tankards for the adjourned Council [in July] and red wine; 8s. to the Porters for watching about the Inn on Coronation Day [Oct. 11th]; £10 10s. and a purse to Serjeant [Spencer] Cowper; the like to Serjeant [Edward] Corbett; 7s. 6d. for 6 pints of Canary; £5 for a dial; £19 17s. 1d. for port.

Balance: £64 13s. 0½d.

Officers for 1728:

1728.

Treasurer: William Guidott, Esq.

Master of the Library: Henry Martin, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: William Melmoth, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Joseph Kirke, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Marmaduke Alington, Esq.

Council held on January 29th, 1 George II, 1728.

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Fifteen Benchers present.

* M^r Robert Darrel has not obeyed the various Orders relating to his chamber; therefore the chamber shall be forthwith padlocked.

Council held on February 1st, 1728.

Thirteen Benchers present.

† M^r Darrel's chamber was duly padlocked on Jan. 31st. It now appears that William Martyn, Esq., who was recently expelled this Society, has procured some person unknown to break open the padlock, and, with M^r Martyn, to enter the said chamber. The servants who saw this are to make affidavits, and the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench† is to be applied to for a warrant.

Council held on February 8th, 1728.

p. 301.

Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

John Powel.

"Ordered that for the future no gentleman be called to the Barr before he is admitted into a chamber, or part of a chamber, of the value of £20, or deposit in the hands of the Treasurer of this Society the sum of £20, or so much mony as will make up such chamber or part of a chamber [to] the value of £20."

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 175.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 176.

† Sir Robert Raymond.

"Ordered that the Sacrament bread and wine be alwayes provided at the charge of the Society, and that none of the Sacrament mony be given to any of the servants of the House during the time they are servants."

p. 305. Call to the Bench, May 15th, 1728:
The Hon. John Verney, Esq., one of his Majesty's Counsell at Law [*p.* 303].

p. 306. Call to the Bar, May 21st, 1728:
Thomas Hill.

p. 308. Call to the Bar, June 27th, 1728:
Isaac Hawkins Browne.

p. 312. Council held on July 24th, 1728.
Six Benchers present.

p. 313. Joseph Kirke, Esq., a Benchers, has leave to make an additional sash window in his dining-room.

Council held on October 23rd, 1728.
Eight Benchers present.

p. 314. "M^r Capper desiring to be continued to officiate as Chaplaine till Christmas next, and no longer—The Masters of the Bench have made choice of M^r Gershom Rawlins to succeed the said M^r Capper, and it is ordered that he be admitted Chaplaine to this Society at Christmas next."

* "Ordered that the supply of New River water in the Fountain in the New Square be referr'd to the inspection of M^r Clive and M^r Carew."

p. 315. Call to the Bar, November 6th, 1728:
Henry Ballow and John Lee.

p. 317. Call to the Bar, November 12th, 1728:
Edward King.

Accounts of William Guidott, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1728, to Jan. 23rd, 1729.

Receipts: £2,287 4s. 3½d. Including £315 each from John Browne, Esq., a Benchers, and from M^r Henry Asgill, for admission to chambers.

Payments: £2,207 11s. 3½d. Including 12s. 10d. for a new

porter's badge; 7s. for 4 bottles of port from the "Golden Lyon" in Fleet St.; £15 6s. to the coalman, for faggots, billets, and sea-coal.

Balance: £79 13s.

Officers for 1729:

1729.

Treasurer: The Hon. John Verney, Esq.

Master of the Library: William Guidott, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: George Clive, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: John Browne, Esq.

Master of the Walks: George Carew, Esq.

Council held on February 6th, 2 George II, 1729.

p. 321.

Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Edward Louisaman,* Edward Poore and John Dyson.

A Committee is appointed to "examine and see who are the heirs of the surviving Trustees of Fickets Feild, in order to obtain a conveyance from the heir of such survivor."

"Ordered that the Globes in the Library be repaired."

Call to the Bar, April 23rd, 1729:

p. 324.

James Morgan.

Council held on May 8th, 1729.

p. 326.

Seven Benchers present.

"Upon the Report of M^r Guidott, M^r Clive and M^r Alington, that they had viewed the Base Ground, and that in their opinion the makeing of a gate in the east wall thereof will not be any prejudice to the Society—It is ordered that Richard Foley, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, have liberty at his own charge to make and sett up a new gate, for a cartway into the said Base Ground, in the east wall thereof; and to stop up the present gate there now, in the south wall, during such time as the Society shall enjoy the way thro' the new Gate down to Weeden Street."†

Council held on May 19th, 1729.

p. 328.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Upon the petition of Edward Bisse Hale, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, setting forth that he is the great-grandson and

* The name is here written in one word, as printed, but it should apparently be two words. He is subsequently referred to as "Mr. Mann," in several places.

† This street is not mentioned in Wheatley and Cunningham's *London Past and Present*.

- heir at law of the late Lord Cheif Justice Hale,* and is impowered by his will to transcribe any of the books that were by him left to this Society, but is only to take one book at a time, and is to give security to return it at a time to be prefixed by the Masters of the Bench; and praying the said books may be delivered to him by one at a time, for so long time as to the Bench shall seem meet"—Referred to a Committee.

p. 330. The gardener [among other specified duties] must "cutt the small trees and the Dutch elm hedge in the Benchers' Garden," and "nail the jessamine in the Great Garden."

Council held on June 6th, 1729.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Thomas Hayward and John Prudam.

† Mr James Harris junior, a Fellow of the Society, pays £350 for admission to the chambers late of Wadham Windham, Esq., deceased, at No. 16, Kitchen Garden Court, Field Gate Row, one on the first floor and the other on the third floor.

Call to the Bar, June 18th, 1729:
Robert Warner.

p. 331. Council held on June 25th, 1729.
Eleven Benchers present.

Mr Farshall is to make enquiries "how and on what terms the House may be supplied with New River water."

p. 332. Council held on July 9th, 1729.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that a leaden pipe be layd from the Fountain in the Bench Garden to the pump place at the corner of the Square, and a new pump be putt up there for the use of the House."

p. 333. "Ordered that the Masters' Clerks for the future have the same commons on exceeding and other days as the servants of the House have, and the same wyne on the Grand Dayes; and nothing from the Bench table for the future."

p. 334. Council held on November 28th, 1729.
Nine Benchers present.

p. 335. Mr Willes and others are to "wait on M^{rs} Hungerford, relating to M^r Hungerford's legacy of £200 to this Society, to

* He was eldest son of Gabriel, son of Robert, eldest son of Sir Matthew.

† Red Book II, p. 232.

know if she will pay the same, and accept of interest to be paid her for the same during life."*

Call to the Bench, December 9th, 1729: p. 336.
William Fortescue, Esq.†

Officers for 1730: 1730.

Treasurer: William Melmouth, Esq.
Master of the Library: The Hon John Verny.
Dean of the Chapel: Isaac Ewer, Esq.
Joseph Kirke, Esq. [Feb. 12th.]
Black Book Keeper: John Washer, Esq.
Master of the Walks: Richard Brydges, Esq.

Council held on January 29th, 3 George II, 1730. p. 340.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :
Thomas Slater, Esq., Graves Martyn, Esq., Paul Jodrell,
Esq., Henry Dry, Esq., James Strode, Esq., and Job Hanmer, p. 341.
Esq.

Call to the Bar : p. 342.
Robert Cholmely.

Council held on February 10th, 1730. p. 343.
Eleven Benchers present.

† Solom Emlyn, Esq., Barrister, surrenders a whole chamber
in Kitchen Garden Court, one story high, over the Council
Chamber, to Robert Cholmeley, Esq., Barrister.

Council held on February 12th, 1730.
Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Wills, M^r Fortescue and M^r Treasurer doe p. 344.
waite on M^{rs} Hungerford, and receive the £200 given by her late
husband's will to the Society, which is payable after her death ;
and that they are desired to give her their bond for the payment
of interest for the £200, after the rate of £4 per cent. per annum,
during her life, for which they are to be indemnified by the
Society."*

* The legacy was paid in 1741, M^{rs} Hungerford being presumably then dead.

† Attorney General to the Prince of Wales, and King's Counsel.

‡ Red Book II, p. 296. See *ante*, p. 26c, and *post*, p. 300. The staircase was
No. 14.

p. 345.

Council held on February 19th, 1730.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the diall in Diall Court be repaired."

Ordered that the £200 given by Mr. Hungerford's will, or so much as may be necessary, shall be "laid out in the pulpit and beautifying and adorning the Chappell."

"The clause of M^r Hungerford's will relateing to this Society.

"And my will and mind further is that out of the money to be raised by sales of my said estates £200 be paid to my friend Melmoth, one of the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn, to be by him laid out for the benefit or ornament of the said Society as he shall think fitt, in which, if he pleases, he may take some notice of me."

p. 346.

Council held on April 17th, 1730.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer is desired to give himself the trouble to enquire what will be the expence of setting up an horizontal dyall in the Great Garden."

p. 348.

Sir Lawrence Carter, Knight, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, has leave to compound his absent commons.

Council held on April 22nd, 1730.

Ten Benchers present.

"Upon complaint of M^r Dyrell, M^r St^t John, M^r Coxe, M^r Thomas Keniston and M^r Edward Keniston, that last night a fire was in the chambers of M^r Oliver Horsman which endangered the whole staircase, which was occasioned by his being disordered with drink, and complaining that he frequently came into his chambers in drink; And the said M^r Horsman attended this Councell, and proposing that he was willing to sell his chambers, and that in the meantime he would not lye in them, and that they should be padlocked for the security of the Society—It is ordered that a padlock be put upon the said chamber forthwith."

A dial of 18 in. diameter is to be set up in the middle of the Great Garden.

p. 349.

Call to the Bar, April 23rd, 1730:

John Hopkins, he "being constantly resident from the time of his admission, and wanting but two terms of six years, and having observed the Rules of this Society and performed all his exercises."

Council held on April 30th, 1730.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that another window upon the Chapel Staircase be made, conformable to that already made there."

Call to the Bar :

Thomas Coke, "wanting but one term of six years standing,"
etc. [as John Hopkins above].

p. 350.

Council held on May 11, 1730.

Eighteen Benchers present.

p. 352.

"The humble petition of Thomas Geers, Esq., on the
behalf of Sir Thomas Cookes Winford, Barr^t, one of
the Fellowes of the said Society.

"Sheweth—

"That by Articles enterd into between the then Masters of
the Bench and M^r Henry Serle, the builder of Serle's Court, (now
part of the said Society), it is expressly stipulated that no other
buildings than the three ranges of building, whereof the said
Court consists, should be erected or built on the ground therein
mentioned and described, but that the rest of the said ground
should at all times thereafter be open, wast, and unbuilt, for the
prospect and recreation of the Society and members thereof; and
it is thereby agreed that the part of the said ground behind the
first range of building should be made use of for a laystall for
ever for the Society, and be enclosed with a brick wall 10 foot
high, with a gateway at the south end thereof.

"That under the said Articles, your petitioner apprehends
the Masters of the Bench are become interested in the premises
as Trustees for keeping the same open and unbuilt, for the benefitt
of the Members of the said Society.

"That there is a high building now erecting and cariing [?]
on upon part of the said void peice of ground next Bell Yard, by
Richard Foley, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, in violation
of the said Articles, as your petitioner apprehends, and to the
great prejudice and detriment of the said Sir Thomas Cookes
Winford in Serle's Court aforesaid, and contrary to the intent of
severall Orders made by the Masters of the Bench from time to
time, who have interposed, and ordered encroachments and
buildings attempted to be erected on the said ground to be
demolished; to which Orders your petitioner refers.

"Your petitioner therefore humbly submitts the case of the
said Sir Thomas Cookes Winford (who resides in the country) to
your Worships' consideration, and humbly hopes the Bench will
effectually execute the said trust, and take such measures that the
said building may be stayed and taken down, and the said ground
be restored to its former state, and that such other redress may be
had in the premises as shall be just."

The Bench decided that the building referred to was not
contrary to the said Articles.

p. 353.

"Upon the petition of M^r Nath: Moody, stationer, setting forth that he was admitted into a shop under Chancery Lane Gate about 5 years agoe, which said shop was very much out of repair, and cost the said M^r Moody near £20—It is ordered that M^r John Willoughby, who was lately admitted into the said shop, do pay the said M^r Moody the sum of £5, and in default thereof that he be discharged from the said shop."

p. 354. Council held on May 29th, 1730.
Seven Benchers present.

* The expense of repairing the Fountain and the broad pavement in the New Square will come to £157 10s.; this must be paid by the proprietors of chambers there, at the rate of £2 10s. for each ground chamber, and £2 for each chamber one and two stories high.

p. 355. Council held on June 2nd, 1730.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Robert Harley.

"Ordered that the Chappell be shutt on the Monday next after the term, in order for its being adorned and beautified."

"Ordered that the Chappell be beautified and adorned according to the severall plands brought by the Treasurer, and that the Lord's Prayer, Comandments and Belife be sett upp at the east end of the Chappell."

Council held on June 17th, 1730.
Eleven Benchers present.

p. 356. "Ordered that M^r Frewen have leave to erect a monument for M^r Parker, deceased, against one of the pillars under the Chappel." †

"That the Armes under the Chappel being greatly in decay, Ordered that the workmen do look into them, and fasten those that are loose."

p. 358. Council held on June 24th, 1730.
Ten Benchers present.

The garden wall next to Lincoln's Inn Fields must be rebuilt so far as is necessary.

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 190.

† "William Parker, Esq^r, was buried *incerto die*; the affidavit is dated January 9, 1727[-8]." *Burial Register*.

"Ordered that the windowes in the Chappell be taken down, and cleaned, new-leaded and naeled [?], and put up again; and that M^r Treasurer be desired to make a contract with M^r Price for the same."

"Ordered that the Ten Commandments, the Creede and Lord's Prayer be put upp on the east window in the Chappell, and that M^r Treasurer be desired to agree with M^r Price for the same."

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer be desired to make a bargane for to gett the east window repaired."

Council held on October 29th, 1730.
Nine Benchers present.

p. 360.

Call to the Bar :

Joseph Ayloffe* and William Browning.

"Ordered that a book be provided wherein the Treasurer's Accounts for the time being shall be entered in English, by way of Debtor and Creditor, and past by two Masters of the Bench, and not be entered in a Roll as formerly."†

"Ordered that the Judges', Masters' of the Bench, and the Ladys' Pews‡ be lind in such manner as the Treasurer thinks fitt."

Council held on November 4th, 1730.
Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that no ladys be lett into any pews below the Pulpitt, and that no strangers be lett into any of the pews, till after the First Lesson, unles introduced by a gentleman of the House."

Call to the Bar, November 23rd, 1730 :
The Hon. William Murray and Tristram Fish.

p. 362.

Council held on November 28th, 1730.
Nine Benchers present.

p. 364.

"Ordered that M^r Attorney General [Yorke], M^r Solicitor General [Talbot], M^r Willes, M^r Verney, M^r Fortescue, M^r Melmoth, M^r Clive, or any three of them, are desired to meet some of the Benchers of the Middle Temple, to agree upon one uniform way of calling gentlemen to the Barr."

* The eminent antiquary. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

† This is part of a new system of accounts and checks on the tradesmen and servants, which is set out at considerable length.

‡ See *ante*, p. 250.

p. 366.

Council held on December 9th, 1730.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that it be recomended to the present and future Library Keepers for the time being, to purchase the Statue [Statutes] as they come out, and to complate them, and all the law bookes licensed by the Judges."

"Ordered that the servants be admitted to lett Ladyes into the next seate below the Pulpitt, as formerly."

Accounts of William Melmoth, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1730, to Jan. 23rd, 1731.

Receipts: £2,523 1s. 6d. Including £45 18s. 6d. balance from last year; £772 13s. 4d. for chamber fines; £8 (less 18s. tax) from Mr. Wandford Gill, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent; £60 interest of £1,500 South Sea Annuities.

Payments: £2,482 2s. od. Including £5 3s. 4d. to a brick-layer "for curing a smoaking chimney for D^r Herring"; 4s. to two men "to try if all the coats of armes were fast under the Chappell"; £1 11s., "forgott to charge the rowling-stone* in M^r Varney's Account"; £8 10s. to M^r Nathaniel Watham, for a horizontal dial; £37 6s. 10d. for iron rails round the fountain; 10s. 6d. to John Atkinson, for making a Catalogue of Books in the Library.

Balance: £40 19s. 6d.

1731. Officers for 1731:

Treasurer: William Fortescue, Esq.

Master of the Library: William Melmoth, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: John Browne, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Marmaduke Alington, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Thomas Owen, Esq.

p. 368.

Council held on January 28th, 4 George II, 1731.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Attorney Generall [Yorke], M^r Sollicitor Generall [Talbot], [and others], be desired to wait upon the Right Honourable the Lord Raymond, to congratulate him in the name of this Society upon his being advanced to the honour of a Peer of this Realm."†

p. 371.

Council held February 25th, 1731.

Nine Benchers present.

M^r Price, the glass-painter, shall be paid £30 as soon as he has put up and finished another window in the Chapel.

* A stone roller for the Garden.

† Sir Robert Raymond, C.J.K.B., was created Baron Raymond of Abbot's Langley, Jan. 15th, 1731. He died in 1733.

Call to the Bar, May 5th, 1731 : p. 372.
Thomas Denison and Thomas Martyn.

Call to the Bar, May 20th, 1731 : p. 374.
George Wyndham.

Council held on May 31st, 1731. p. 375.
Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that the petition of Robert Kirke, the cook of this p. 376.
Society, be rejected, and that the oysters and cheese to be used
at the Bench table for the future be provided by the House."

Council held on June 18th, 1731.
Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that on reading the letter from Ireland to the
Treasurer of this Society, the order therewith sent relateing to
giveing of Certificates to gentlemen that are members of this
Society for their removall to the Inns at Dublin, be skreened ;
and that all future Certificates be made according to that Order."

Council held on June 29th, 1731. p. 378.
Five Benchers present.

"It is desired that Mr Melmoth be pleased to attend Mr
Baron Comyns,* to acquaint him that pensions are never paid
but upon a new nomination, a surrender of chambers, or being
called to the Barr or the Bench ; and that all arreares of pensions
are to be paid upon any of those occasions."

Call to the Bar :
Owen Meyrick.

Call to the Bar, July 6th, 1731 : p. 379.
John Hamilton, who performed his exercises at the Temple.

Council held on July 21st, 1731. p. 381.
Five Benchers present.

£500 South Sea Annuities were sold for £540 to discharge p. 382.
the debts of the House.

"Ordered that the grace cupps in the Hall and the tankard
at the Adjourned Councell, be for the future filled with arrack
punch."

* John Comyns, so appointed 1727 ; J. C. P. 1736 ; C. B. E. 1738.

p. 383.

Council held on November 16th, 1731.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the bookseller employed by this Society do give in a list annually, upon the first day of Michaelmas Term, of the law books printed the preceding year, in order to be put into the Library, and the Statutes; and that he bind up the Statutes that are wanting in the Library, including the last Session's, to be placed in the Library."

p. 385.

Council held on November 29th, 1731.

Nine Benchers present.

"Upon reading the petition of William Price, glazier, thereby setting forth that he hath been at much greater expenses in the repairing and finishing of the windows in the Chappell than he did at first expect, by reason that the same were so very bad that he was obliged, after he had taken them down, to make great part thereof new; and praying that the Masters of the Bench of this Society would be pleased to make him some further allowance over and above the £120 for which the said petitioner had agreed to repair and make good the said windows." Allowed £30 extra.*

p. 387.

Council held on December 8th, 1731.

Seven Benchers present.

p. 388.

"Ordered that the bookseller provide for the Library the severall books following, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Clergyman's Vade Mecum, 2 vol.	6	0	
† Fitzherbert's Natura Brevium, with Judge Hale's Notes, 4 ^{to}	16	0	
All the State Tryalls that are not in the Library.			
Law of Tenures	4	6	
† Shower's Reports, vol. 2nd	1	1	0
† Salkeild's Reports, vol. 2nd & 3rd	1	17	0
Raymond's Reports	2	2	0
† Shower's Cases in Parliamt	16	0	
† Wood's Institutes	1	4	0
† Carthew's Reports	1	1	0
† Comberbatch's Reports	18	0	
† Laws of the Plantacions relateing to the Church, &c., by N. Trot	10	0	
† Rastell's Entrys, 1596	12	0	
† Tremain's Pleas of the Crown... ..	1	1	0

[NOTE.—Minutes directing the purchase of books will not be hereafter inserted, unless of special interest.]

* See *ante*, pp. 295, 296.

† Still in the Library.

"Ordered that M^r Hammond be desired to procure the title deeds of the New Square to be brought into the Library of this Society, there to be deposited for the benefit of all persons concerned therein."

"Ordered that there be a Sacrament the first Sunday of every month, except the precedeing or subsequent Sunday happens to be the first Sunday in the term, and then the Sacrament is to be administered on the first Sunday in the term. And so, in like manner, if the first Sunday in the month happens to be the precedeing or subsequent Sunday to the last Sunday in the term, then the Sacrament is to be administred on the last Sunday in the term. And that this Order be communicated to Doctor Herring by the Dean of the Chappell."

Accounts of William Fortescue, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1731, to Jan. 23rd, 1732.

Receipts: £2,352 11s. 4d. Including £461 for absent commons; £5 from M^r Pageter, Principal of Thavies Inn, for a year's rent.

Payments: £2,302 18s. 4d. Including £2 8s. for 1 doz. of Burgundy wine from the Bedford Head; 2s. 6d. to "a woman that keep a child that was dropt under the Chappell"; £6 14s. for venison [in Trinity Term]; 31s. for 8 bottles of arrack, and 4s. for a quart of arrack; 3s. 4d. for lemons for arrack punch; £25 9s. 9d. for port wine and sack.

Balance: £49 13s. 0d.

Officers for 1732:

1732.

Treasurer: George Clive, Esq.

Master of the Library: William Fortescue, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: John Washer, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: George Carew, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Richard Foley, Esq.

Call to the Bar, January 24th, 5 George II, 1732:
Isaac Preston.

p. 390.

Council held on February 7th, 1732.
Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:
Thomas Turner and John Wood.

p. 391.

* Robert Cunningham is admitted to a whole chamber, one

* Red Book II, p. 309. See *ante*, p. 291. The staircase was No. 14.

story high, in Kitchen Garden Court and Library Staircase, on the surrender of Robert Cholmeley.

p. 392. Council held on February 12th, 1732.
Six Benchers present.

"Upon the mocion of William Guidott, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, wheather the gent. that petition to compound their absent commons should have the benifett of such Order from the time of his petition or from the time of his payment of the money—it is apprehended it would be of service to the Society to make an Order that they shall not have the benifett till that time two years that they paid their money—Ordered for the future that the gent. have the benifett of their composition only from the time they pay their money."

p. 393. Council held on February 22nd, 1732.
Six Benchers present.

£400 South Sea Annuities shall be sold to enable the Treasurer to discharge the debts to the workmen and others.
[Realized £442 5s. *Margin.*]

p. 396. Council held on May 4th, 1732.
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

William Compton and Hildebrand Alington.

"Ordered that it be referred to M^r Treasurer, [and others], to consider what book or books shall be bought with M^r Robins' legacy of £20."

p. 397. Council held on May 22nd, 1732.
Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Farshall do attend M^r Dixon to know what is done in relation to the purchase of the area of the New Square for this Society."

p. 401. Council held on June 9th, 1732.
Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that upon the application of any person to be elected or appointed any officer, servant, or workman of this Society, that the consideration of such application be adjourned over to the next Council, and that this be a Standing Order."

Call to the Bar :

William Melmoth, Thomas Kyffine (who lacks two terms of

six years), and Richard Thomson, Esq.,* lately made Second Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster.

Council held June 28th, 1732.

p. 403.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that no gentleman of this Society do come into the Hall but in their proper gowns, nor come in nor go out with their hatts on." p. 404.

Council held on July 13th, 1732.

p. 405.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that it be referred to M^r Treasurer to treat and agree with the carpenter and painter, for making, painting, and gilding, three new Dial Boards, and for what iron work shall be necessary to fix up the same in the strongest manner."

Call to the Bar, October 23rd, 1732 :

p. 406.

Richard Mounteney ; as he has no chamber in the House, he must deposit £20 in lieu thereof with the Treasurer, as security for his future duties.

Call to the Bar, November 14th, 1732 :

p. 408.

William Dixon, junior, and John Tracy.

Council held on November 28th, 1732.

p. 409.

Eight Benchers present.

£300 South Sea Annuities are to be sold to enable the Treasurer to pay the debts of the Society. [Realized £328 10s. *Margin.*]

"Ordered that henceforth the gate going into Bishop's Court and the gate leading into Chichester Rents be locked up at 7 a'clock in the evening from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and that they be locked up from Lady Day to Michaelmas at 9 in the evening."

"Ordered that notice be given to the proprietors of Bishop's Court and Chichester Rents that the gate leading to the said Court and Rents will be shut up at Midsummer next." †

"Ordered that an advertisement be put in the Dayly Advertiser, for six days successively, offering a reward of £10 to be given to any person who shall discover the mother or the person who dropd the two children, or either of them, in this Society, so as the said mother or person be brought to justice for the same ; to be paid by M^r Farshall, the Chief Butler."

* Adm. June 3rd. Called to be an Associate of the Bench on payment of £50; June 15th; p. 402.

† Discharged on April 19th, 1733.

Accounts of George Clive, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1732, to Jan. 23rd, 1733.

Receipts: £2,449 3s. 3d. Including £1 for ground under the Chapel for the burial of Mr. John Dobson.

Payments: £2,418 11s. 3d. Including £57 14s. to Newsham for a fifth size [fire-] engine with leather pipes;* £1 2s. 9d. for a punch-ladle; 3s. for nursing a foundling; 6s. more for nursing two foundlings; £1 18s. for Raymond's Reports; £1 4s. for 4 weeks nursing two children at 3s. a week each; 12s. 6d. for a coffin, shroud, and all fees for the burial of one of them; £5 14s. for 31 quarts of arrack for punch; £34 9s. 9d. for port wine.

Balance: £30 12s. 0d.

1733. Officers for 1733:

Treasurer: Joseph Kirke, Esq.

Master of the Library: George Clive, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Marmaduke Alington, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Richard Brydges, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Graves Martyn, Esq.

p. 418. Call to the Bar, April 26th, 6 George II, 1733:
Mathew Lamb.

p. 420. Council held on June 5th, 1733.
Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:
p. 421. Everard Buckworth; he "is to waive his first admission of this House and to take his standing from his five years last past before his call to the Barr." [p. 419.]†

Also Philips Coleman, Joshua Pembroke and Walter Yate.

"Ordered that for the future no Master of the Bench shall nominate above two persons as objects of charity for the Sacrament money."

‡ "Ordered that such gentlemen as shall desire for the future to deposite money in default of a qualification chamber, on being called to the Barr, shall deposite £21 14s. 6d., subject to the same duties, fees, and contingencies as if admitted to a garrett."

§ Beversham Filmer, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, is admitted to the chambers in Serle's Court, No. 5, two stories high from the foundation, on the east side of the staircase, late in the possession of Lord Raymond, deceased, C. J. K. B.

* See *ante*, p. 274.

† Apparently adm. May 5th, 1720.

‡ Red Book II, p. 317. This sum includes £1 for the Treasurer's fee, 10s. for the Butler's fee, and 4s. 6d. for the petition and order. *Ibid.*, p. 320.

§ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 202.

Council held on June 13th, 1733.

p. 422.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that no person shall be permitted to ride any horse or mare within the Society in order for sale, nor shall any person be permitted to ride or bring thro' the Society any horse or mare but what belongs to some member of this Society for his use." The Porters must see to this.

"Ordered that Sir Philip Yorke [and others] be desired to meet the Benchers of the Middle Temple in relation to qualifying gentlemen to be called to the Barr." p. 423.

Council held on June 28th, 1733.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer pay to M^r William Smith, Sollicitor, a member of this Society, the sum of £20, to enable him to bring on the cause to a hearing, relating to M^r Martyn's legacy.

"Ordered the two butteresses on the west side of the Hall be worked up in the same manner to support the roof as the two butteresses on the east side."

"Ordered that an arch be turned at each end of the passage by the Hall door."

Council held on July 12th, 1733.

p. 424.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Auditor Harley be desired to imploy a proper person to make a catalogue of my late Lord Chief Justice Hale's manuscripts, and that such catalogue be entered in a book to be kept with the said manuscripts."

Council held on November 8th, 1733.

p. 426.

Eleven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

John Brown, junior, and Pierce Galliard.

"Ordered that no person be admitted to preach as a candidate of this Society but what is recommended by two of the Masters of the Bench to the Dean of the Chappell."

"Ordered that the Rev^d M^r Crank be desired to preach on Sunday morning next.

"Ordered that the Rev^d M^r Watts be desired to preach the next Sunday after, in the morning. And that all candidates for Preacher of this Society be at liberty to preach in the afternoon of that Sunday, or any succeeding Sunday in the morning and afternoon, untill a Preacher be chosen."

"Memorandum that the Rev^d D^r Herring, Dean of Rochester,

coming into Council and signifyeing his desire to resign his Preachership of this Society, was axecepted." *

p. 427.

Call to the Bench :
The Right Hon. Horatio Walpole, Esq.

Call to the Bar, November 20th, 1733:
John Rous.

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Council held on November 28th, 1733.
Fourteen Benchers present.

"The Rev^d M^r Edward Crank, B. D., being this day elected to be Preacher of this Society in the place of the Rev^d D^r Thomas Herring, Dean of Rochester, who resigned his Preachership of this Society—It is thereupon ordered and declared that the said M^r Crank be and is Preacher of this Society, and that he have the same exhibition, allowances, and chamber as the said Dean Herring had when he was elected Preacher, and that the same duty and attendance is expected from the said M^r Crank; and that M^r Willes is hereby desired to acquaint the said M^r Crank therewith." †

"Ordered that the marble round the Communion Table be covered with matts."

p. 432.

Council held on December 7th, 1733.
Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer do make folding doors where the arches now are entering into the Hall, as also such further alterations in the Hall as may be necessary to accommodate the Court." ‡

Accounts of Joseph Kirke, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1733, to Jan. 23rd, 1734.

Receipts: £2,469 os. 10d. Including £380 from M^r Richard Sambourne for two chambers late of John Frewen, Esq., deceased; £16 (less tax) from M^r Whitehall, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for two years' rent.

Payments: £2,453 7s. 4d. Including £10 10s. to Sir Philip Yorke "upon his goeing out Serjeant," and 2s. for a purse; 10s. paid the carpenter's to drink that made the Lord Chancellor's Court." §

Balance: £15 13s. 6d.

* Dr. Herring was appointed Dean of Rochester, Jan. 31st, 1732; Bp. of Bangor, 1737; Archbp. of York, 1743; Archbp of Canterbury, 1747; died March 13th, 1757. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

† See *ante*, p. 282.

‡ The Lord Chancellor used the Hall as a Court, see *post*, p. 305, 312.

§ Charles Talbot, the Sol. Gen., appointed Nov. 29th; cr. Baron Talbot Dec. 5th.

Officers for 1734 :

1734.

Treasurer : John Browne, Esq.

Dudley Ryder, Esq., Sol. Gen.*

Master of the Library : Joseph Kirke, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : George Carew, Esq.

Black Book Keeper : Thomas Owen, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Paul Jodrell, Esq.

Council held on January 31st, 7 George II, 1734.

BOOK XII.

Thirteen Benchers present.

p. 2.

Call to the Bench :

Dudley Ryder, Esq., Solicitor General.

Call to the Bar :

Richard Serle and Richard Samborne.

Call to the Bar, February 7th, 1734 :

p. 4.

George Hilborne.

Call to the Bar, May 16th, 1734 :

p. 9.

Jenks Lutley,† Edward Thelwall and John Mitford. The latter wants one whole term of six years.

Council held on May 27th, 1734 :

p. 11.

Fourteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Attorney General,† M^r Solicitor General,§ M^r Fortescue and M^r Treasurer be desired to attend the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain||, and to return the humble thanks of this Society to his Lordship for the honour he has done them in makeing use of the Hall of this Society, and humbly to desire that his Lordship will continue to use the same as long as his Lordship shall soe please ; and to signifie to his Lordship that if there be anything wanting to make it more commodious and convenient, that this Society will be ready to make such alteration as shall be most agrebale to his Lordship."

Call to the Bar, June 26th, 1734 :

p. 14.

Francis Rocke.

* See *post*, Oct. 23rd

† In the Admission Register, June 17th, 1727, this name is misprinted Tutley.

‡ John Willes.

§ Dudley Ryder

|| Lord Talbot.

- p. 18. Council held on October 23rd, 1734.
Five Benchers present.
Ordered that Dudley Ryder, Esq., Sol. Gen., be Treasurer for the remainder of the year in place of John Browne, Esq., deceased.
- p. 21. Council held on November 5th, 1734.
Five Benchers present.
"Ordered that the gentlemen of the Chancery Jury for inquiring into the fees, etc., have the liberty of setting in the Council Chamber of this Society at all convenient times, for the dispatch of the publick business," (provided any of the gentlemen are of this Society.) *
1735. Officers for 1735 :
Treasurer : Dudley Ryder, Esq., Sol. Gen.
Master of the Library : Joseph Kirke, Esq.
Dean of the Chapel : Richard Brydges, Esq.
Black Book Keeper : Graves Martyn, Esq.
Master of the Walks : Henry Dry, Esq.
- p. 27. Council held on February 5th, 8 George II, 1735 :
Eleven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :
Samuel Harreson and Robert Harper.
- p. 28. The South Sea Annuities standing in the names of Master Holford and Master Melmoth are to be sold to pay the tradesmen.
M^r Meredith must remove his family from his chamber by the first day of next term.
- p. 35. Council held on February 26th, 1735.
Eight Benchers present.
† "Ordered that M^r Farshall do wait upon M^r Howell, to know what he has done in searching for the heir of the surviving Trustee of Cup Feilds."
- p. 38. Council held on March 26th, 1735.
Seven Benchers present.
The deeds and writings relating to Cupp Fields are to be scheduled, and delivered to M^r Farshall, the Chief Butler, who

* Added Nov. 28th. Commissioners had been appointed to inquire: (1) What officers, clerks and ministers, or their substitutes, of right belong to the several offices of Masters in Chancery, Accomptant-General and Affidavit Office: (2) What fees, etc., every of these officers ought to take, or have of late unjustly extorted. The inquiry was made by "a Jury of reputable Attorneys and Sollicitors, returned by the Sheriff of Middlesex." *Gents. Mag.*, 1734, p. 625.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 206.

shall attend the House of Lords and the House of Commons therewith as often as there shall be occasion. *

Call to the Bar, April 23rd, 1735 : p. 39.
Samuel Henry Pont and Henry Gapper.

Council held on May 7th, 1735. p. 41.
Ten Benchers present.

"Memorandum that the Council, being informed by M^r Fortescue that the Rev. M^r Crank by reason of his ill state of health is desirous to resign his Preachership of this society, have accepted his said resignation."

The Rev. M^r Watts is desired to preach in the Chapel on Sunday, the 11th instant.

Council held on June 6th, 1735. p. 44.
Thirteen Benchers present.

"The Rev. M^r George Watts, Master of Arts, being this day p. 47.
elected to be Preacher of this Society in the place of the Rev. M^r Edward Crank, B.D., who resigned his Preachership of this Society—It is ordered thereupon and declared that the said M^r Watts be and is Preacher of this Society, and that he have the same exhibition, allowance and chamber as the said M^r Crank had when he was elected Preacher, and that the same duty and attendance is expected from the said M^r Watts. And that M^r Attorney General† is hereby desired to acquaint the said M^r Watts therewith."†

"Ordered that the Trustees for repairing Lincoln's Inn p. 48.
Feilds have liberty to meet in the Council Chamber when and as often as they shall think proper."

Council held on June 25th, 1735.
Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the future no persons be recommended to p. 49.
the Dean of the Chappel by any persons, to be objects of charity to partake of the Sacrament money, but by the Judges and Serjeants of this Society, the Benchers, and the Preacher, who may name but two apiece, and the Reader, who may name but one."

Council held on July 9th, 1735. p. 51.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the east front between the Chappell and Hall p. 52.
be rebuilt, and that the same sashes be made use of as are now

* See Appendix.

† John Willes.

‡ See *ante*, p. 304.

there, and that new ones be made where there are none, except in the Buttery, where barrs, etc., are to be made."

Various sums of money were ordered to be given to persons who had helped to extinguish the recent fire in the Inn, including 10s. apiece to S^t Clement's engine, Gray's Inn engine and S^t Dunstan's engine.*

p. 53.

Council held on July 15th, 1735.

Nine Benchers present.

"Whereas M^r Cheveley, by the direction of the Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for enclosing, cleaning and adorning Lincoln's Inn Feilds, hath attended at this Council to know whether the Benchers of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn have any objection to the Trustees making a coach way, as well as a footway, on the east side of Lincoln's Inn Fields, next to the Terrass Wall of the said Society, in the same manner as the other ways and passages of the said Fields are designed, (which are proposed to be as follows:—the coachway 45 foot, and the footway 10 foot wide; the coachway to be divided from the footway by stone posts), and to report the answers of the gentlemen of the Bench—The Council have taken the said proposals into their consideration, and they have no objection to them, provided the Trustees shall take care to prevent a coachway's being made at any time hereafter from Great Turn Style in Holborne into Lincoln's Inn Feilds, by such methods as they shall think proper; and likewise provided that the said coachway proposed to be made by the Trustees under the wall of the said Society be from time to time kept watered and cleaned in the same manner as the other coachways about the Fields."

Council held on October 23rd, 1735.

Six Benchers present.

p. 54.

Call to the Bar:

Joseph Kirke, junior.

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"Upon the petition of M^r Robert Adams, setting forth that he hath livery stables over against the wall of the Long Yard belonging to the Society of Lincoln's Inn, and that the ground from the outside of the said wall to the kennell belongs (as he apprehends) to the said Society, and that if he may have leave to cover the said ground from the top of the wall, he, the said M^r Adams, will always keep it clean and in good repair, and not

* It appears from the Treasurer's Accounts that the fire was at No. 4, Old Buildings.

be any hindrance to the carts or waggons that come up the said ground, and will be a preserving the said wall." The place shall be viewed and the question considered afterwards.

Council held on November 18th, 1735.
Nine Benchers present.

p. 56.

Call to the Bar:

Paul Jodrell, junior, and Thomas Vivian.

Also John Leacroft, on his petition "setting forth that he is desirous to be called to the Bar this term, and apprehending it would cost about £80, besides the treating the Hall, in that case he would lay aside all thoughts of being called," and desiring that, on payment of five years' duties (which will come to £34, besides his admission to a chamber which will be £20 more), he might be called to the Bar. It was ordered that he should be called on payment of £35 10s., performance of all his exercises, and taking a chamber; but he must waive his seniority of admission,* and take his standing from five years before his Call. p. 57.

Also Floyer Sydenham, who was admitted at the Inner Temple on Jan. 21st, 1728, and here on April 12th last. p. 58.

"Ordered that the Sunday's morning service begin not before half an hour after 10 of the clock, and the afternoon service as usual." p. 57.

Call to the Bar, November 25th, 1735:
James Tilson.

p. 59.

Accounts of Dudley Ryder, Esquire, Solicitor General, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1735, to Jan. 23rd, 1736.

Receipts: £2,168 11s. 7d. Including £62 2s. 3d. from the late Treasurer: £14 from Nathaniel Brand, Principal of Thavies Inn, for 3 years' rent (less tax); £237 18s. by the sale of South Sea Annuities.

Payments: £2,097 11s. 3d. Including 5s. to the Beadle of S. Andrew's Parish "that fetch'd away a child drop't No. 21, Old Buildings'; £1 12s. 6d. to the woman that nurseth the foundling to buy clothes; 12s. for a month's keeping the foundling; £3 14s. 6d. for fruit on Grand Day in Trinity Term; 2s. for oranges and lemons for the punch; £1 5s. for prosecuting the woman that stole the dial; 3s. for a barrel of Colchester oysters; £1 17s. 6d. to the woman that nurses the two children, and for the burial of one of them.

Balance: £71 0s. 4d.

* He was admitted June 26th, 1724.

1736. Officers for 1736:

Treasurer: John Washer, Esq.

Master of the Library: Dudley Ryder, Esq., Sol. Gen.

Dean of the Chapel: Thomas Owen, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Paul Jodrell, Esq.

Master of the Walks: James Strode, Esq.

p. 66. Council held on January 23rd, 9 George II, 1736.
Seven Benchers present.

p. 67. "Whereas it appears to us that the appointing a Master of the Bench to be Treasurer of this Society before he is acquainted with the Orders and usages of the House, is putting a much greater trouble and difficulty upon such Master than it would be if he should be appointed Treasurer after he hath had an opportunity of knowing the same by being Master of the Bench some time before such appointment, and he would also after such experience execute that office more beneficially to the Society—It is therefore ordered that for the future no person be nominated or appointed to be Treasurer of this Society till he hath been four terms a Master of the Bench of this Society."

p. 68. Call to the Bar, February 5th, 1736:
John Wadman, Thomas Robinson and Phipps Davison.*

p. 69. Council held on February 12th, 1736.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the future every gentleman that signs the paper for keeping vacation commons, do, at the time of signing and subscribing the same, pay his money for the commons to the Chief Butler."

p. 70. Council held on May 20th, 1736.
Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:
Richard Hollings, Esq., K.C.†

p. 71. Call to the Bar:
Thomas Harris and Edmund Gibson.

* In the admission Register his name is misprinted *Philip*.

† The only Richard Hollings appearing in the Admission Register was admitted June 5th, 1729, who is probably the one here referred to. If so, he must have come from some other Inn, and have been already called to the Bar. He is described as "a Barrister of this Society" in 1729, (Red Book II, p. 293). No Richard Hollings occurs in Foss's list of King's Counsel for this reign.

Council held on June 25th, 1736.
Ten Benchers present.

p. 75.

Call to the Bar :
John Spooner and Anthony James.

Call to the Bench :
Gilbert Browne, Esq., John Roberts, Esq., Thomas Turner,
senior, Esq., William Kinaston, Esq., a Master in Chancery, *p.* 76.
Nicholas Fazakerley, Esq., and John Wood, senior, Esq.

Council held on November 11th, 1736. *p.* 83.
Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Black Book Keeper for the time being *p.* 85.
be at liberty to lend any Master of the Bench, who shall desire
the same, any book in his custody belonging to this Society,
taking a receipt to redeliver the same, so that only one book
be borrowed by any such Master at one time."

"Ordered that the coat of arms of the Right Hon^{ble} Thomas,
Lord Wyndham, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, one of the Masters
of the Bench, be put up in one of the windows of the Common
Dining Hall of this Society."

"Mr Turner acquainted the Chairman * that the Trustees of
Lincoln's Inn Feilds had desired him to acquaint the Masters of
the Bench of this Society, that they had ordered a key of the
garden in Lincoln's Inn Feilds to be delivered to every Master
of the Bench who shall desire the same."

"Also . . . that the Trustees of Lincoln's Inn Feilds desired
that they may have liberty at their own charge to erect a shed in
the south east corner of the said Feilds, for depositing of a fire
engine and other utensils for the use of the garden in the said
Feilds." The place shall be viewed.

Call to the Bar, November 23rd, 1736 : *p.* 86.
Edward Hasted, John Ord, and Willoughby Aston.

Council held on November 29th, 1736. *p.* 87.
Fourteen Benchers present.

'Ordered that the Library Keeper attend in the Library
the whole year from 9 to 1 in the forenoon only, and from Lady
Day to Michaelmas from 4 to 7 in the afternoons.'

* For this expression see *ante*, *p.* 181. William Guidott's name occurs first in the
list of Benchers present at this Council, presumably as the senior Bencher present
who had no special precedence.

p. 90.

Council held on December 8th, 1736.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Baron Clive* be desired to wait on the Lord Chancellor [Talbot], Lord Hardwick, and the Master of the Rolls, to acquaint them that the Council Chamber and any other room of the Society are at their service whenever they please to make use of them, and take it as a great honour done to this Society."

Accounts of John Washer, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1736, to Jan. 23rd, 1737.

Receipts: £2,035 1s. 2d. Including £6 6s. from Dudley Ryder, Esq., "his commute money in lieu of Treasurer's Feast"; £1 6s. for candles the Lord Chancellor had for the Court in 1733.

Payments: £1,848 2s. 0d. Including £10 10s. to William Fortescue, Esq., Serjeant at Law, and 1s. for a purse; the like to John Toller, Esq., Thomas Hussey, Esq., Abraham Gapper, Esq., and Richard Draper, Esq., Serjeants at Law; £2 19s. to M^r Heyly, Attorney at Law, for prosecuting the woman that stole the dial in the Garden; £1 10s. for strawberries and cherries (June 3rd); £5 10s. for a buck; £6 for the new dial, and 3s. for mending the windows broken by the workmen fixing it; £1 6s. for slating the summer-house.

Balance: £186 19s. 2d.

1737. Officers for 1737 :

Treasurer : Marmaduke Alington, Esq.

Master of the Library : John Washer, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : Graves Martyn, Esq.

Black Book Keeper : Henry Dry, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Job Hanmer, Esq.

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Call to the Bench, February 3rd, 10 George II, 1737 :
John Browne, Esq., K.C. †

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Council held on May 3rd, 1737.

Thirteen Benchers present.

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"Ordered that no commons for the future be allowed to the clerks of the Masters of the Bench."

Call to the Bar :

Hon. John Talbot, James Reynall, ‡ Levet Blackborne,
Edward Southby and Richard Pyot.

* George Clive, appointed Cursitor Baron, Nov. 6, 1735.

† Not in Foss's list of King's Counsel.

‡ Called *John James* on admission.

Council held on May 17th, 1737.

p. 100.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that every Master of the Bench who speaks in Councill address himself to the Chair, and speak standing."

Call to the Bar:

p. 101.

Thomas Bernard.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer be desired to give direccions what cloths [clothes] are necessary to be bought for the foundling."

Council held on May 23rd, 1737.

Eleven Benchers present.

The deeds and writings relating to M^r Martyn's legacy are to be delivered to M^r Smith, "in order to proceed in the ejectment relating to that estate, he giving a receipt for the same." p. 102.

"Ordered that on Sacrament Days, prayers in the afternoon do not begin till half an hour after three, and that the Reader doe give notice thereof every such Sunday, in the morning."

All "the stokoe work" in the Chapel is to be repainted next Long Vacation.

Council held on June 10th, 1737.

p. 104.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered, for preventing fire, that for the future noe other lamps be lighted by any gentleman in any of the stair-cases, but in globular lamps." p. 105.

Council held on July 13th, 1737.

p. 111.

Ten Benchers present.

For the better extinguishing of fire, it is resolved that water be laid on in several places in the Inn, according to M^r Hutchinson's scheme, who has agreed to do the work for £180, and to finish it by Michaelmas next. An agreement shall be entered into with the York Buildings Company* to supply the water there, and also in the kitchen, at a cost of £10 per annum.† The Governors of the New River Water are to be thanked for their offer. p. 112.

Council held on October 24th, 1737.

p. 115.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

George Overman and Richard Hopton.

* See *ante*, pp. 274, 275.

† The agreement was dated, Feb. 3rd following, and is entered on p. 126.

*[A long Report as to the various admissions into the chambers in No. 11, New Square. The six persons, for whose lives the six chambers are now held respectively, are :—

Paul Foley, Esq., of the Inner Temple.
 Thomas Midlycott, Esq., in Boulton Street.
 William Hale, Esq.
 Harry Waller, Esq.
 Henry Penton, Esq., of Winchester.
 Sir Roger Meredith of Leeds Abbey, Kent.

It is recommended that upon the nomination of every new life, the Order should specify how many nominations have been made before, and that enquiry should be frequently made whether the persons for whose lives the chambers are held are living ; also that the stone in the wall should from time to time be cleaned and made legible.†]

p. 116. Call to the Bar, October 27th, 1737 :
 Paul Feild.

p. 118. Council held on November 17th, 1737.
 Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Associates of the Bench for the time being have the same liberty to name two persons for the charity money as the present Masters of the Bench have."

p. 119. Council held on November 28th, 1737.
 Seven Benchers present.

p. 121. "Ordered that none of the King's Councill who shall be called to the Bench hereafter, shall be appointed Treasurer but in the order he is called to the Bench."

Accounts of Marmaduke Alington, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1737, to Jan. 23rd, 1738.

Receipts: £2,771 7s. 8d. Including £1,195 6s. 8d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines.

Payments: £2,723 13s. 6d. Including 5s. to the Beadle of Saint Andrew's, Holborn, "that fetch't a child that was dropt in Lincoln's Inn"; £3 3s. for two haunches of venison (June 25th); £6 6s., "the remaining part of the money for the History of Thuanies"‡; £1 1s. for a doz. of port.

Balance: £47 14s. 2d.

* Serle's Court Book, I, pp. 214-217.

† See *ante*, p. 181.

‡ A new edition of this work, 7 vols., folio, had been published in 1733.

Officers for 1738 :

1738.

Treasurer : Richard Hollings, Esq., K.C.

Master of the Library : Marmaduke Alington, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : Paul Jodrell, senior, Esq.

Black Book Keeper : James Strode, Esq.

Master of the Walks : John Roberts, Esq.

Council held on February 3rd, 11 George II, 1738.
Nine Benchers present.

p. 123

Call to the Bar :

Samuel Prat.

"Ordered that the fruit shop under the Gate in Chancery Lane be removed, and the Gate kept open in the day time." p. 124.

* John Hammet, Esq., Barrister, is admitted to the whole ground chamber, No. 17 in Kitchen Garden Court and Field Gate Row, late of George Carew, Esq., Benchers, deceased,† on payment of £400. Ordered "that a door and door case be made into the New Square, and the old one to be stopt up at the expense of this Society."

Call to the Bar, April 19th, 1738:
Arthur Jones.

p. 128.

Call to the Bar, May 2nd, 1738:
James Abercromby, who has been admitted upwards of twelve years, upon payment of five years' duties, and £20 in lieu of a chamber; "but the said M^r Abercromby is to waive his first admission of this House, and take his standing only from the five years last past before his Call to the Barr."‡

p. 129.

Call to the Bar, May 8th, 1738:
Robert Hutton (lacking one term of full standing) and Robert Salkeld [lacking two terms].

p. 130.

Council held on May 15th, 1738.

p. 131.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the proposall for discontinuing the sermon in the afternoon on Sundays is unanimously rejected, and that

* Red Book II, p. 361.

† See *ante*, p. 271.

‡ He was admitted Jan. 29th, 1725-6. The sums paid are set out in the margin; absent commons £18, vacation commons £6, pensions £1 6s. 8d., call £5, Library money 13s. 4d., eating commons 18s., Preacher £2 10s.; total, £34 8s.

Sunday service, morning and afternoon, be as usual. And that the books of this Society be search't by the gentlemen now present, or any three of them, to see what is the antient constitution in relation to the Preacher in regard to his duty of preaching in this Society," and to report.

p. 135. Call to the Bar, June 6th, 1738 :
Henry Dry, junior, and Lloyd Williams.

p. 137. Council held on June 21st, 1738.
Eleven Benchers present.

p. 139. "Whereas at a Councill held the 17th day of May last* it was ordered that every Master of the Bench who speaks in Councill, address himself to the Chair and speak standing, Now therefore, for preserving the better order and decency in debating of matters in Councill, It is hereby ordered that when any Master of the Bench shall speak standing he shall not be interrupted therein by any other Master of the Bench; and in case of any such interruption happening, the Chairman (for the time being) is hereby desired to call to the person, so interrupting another whilst speaking, to observe this Order."

p. 140. Council held on July 3rd, 1738.
Twelve Benchers present.

M^r Joddrell, Dean of the Chapel, presents the report of the Committee on the duties of the Preacher, quoting at length the Order appointing M^r John Tillotson as Preacher, Nov. 26th, 1663.†

"Upon taking this report into consideration, wee are of opinion and do order that the duty laid down in the said Order for the Preacher, ought to be observed by every one who is or shall be the Preacher of this Society. And for the better understanding of the said Order, wee doe declare that it is not expected that the Preacher do himself preach in the afternoon on every Lord's Day in term time and next before and after every term, but that he doe upon every afternoon of those days provide a good and able Preacher in his roome. And it is ordered that a copy of this be delivered to the Rev^d M^r Watts, Preacher of this Society. And it is further ordered that as often as there shall happen to be a vacancy of a Preacher to this Society, and a new election to be made, that a copy of this Order be delivered to every person who shall stand as a candidate."

p. 141. The fruit stall in the New Square shall be forthwith removed.

* *Sic*; May 17th, 1737. See *ante*, p. 313.

† See *ante*, p. 34.

For the future no person shall be permitted to make any stand there for selling any things.

Ordered that the Porters "do not permit or suffer any person whatsoever to cry or expose to sell any goods whatsoever within the Courts and passages of this Society, and that they do from time to time clear the House from all beggars and other disorderly persons."

Call to the Bar, October 23rd, 1738 :

p. 142.

Horatio Walpole, (third son of the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Walpole), and Miles Harrison.

Call to the Bar, November 15th, 1738 :

p. 144.

Richard Lansdown and George Wroughton.

Council held on November 23rd, 1738.

p. 146.

Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Robert Holden and Benjamin Hatley Foote.

"Ordered that the pedestal of the dial standing in the center of the middle walk in the Garden be forthwith taken down, and disposed of by the Treasurer for the benefit of the House."*

Council held on December 7th, 1738.

p. 149.

Eleven Benchers present.

A Committee is appointed "to consider of making one or more chimneys in the Hall, for coal fires."

"Ordered that Prayers in the afternoon for the future do *p.* 151. begin at 4 a'clock from the 10th of October to the 10th of February, and that the first bell be rung a quarter before 4, and the second at 4 and that no candles be used during these times but at the deske; and that from the 10th of February to the 10th of October, prayers will begin in the afternoon at 5 a'clock, and that a copy of this Order be delivered to the Reader."

The workmen report that the kitchen chimneys over the ovens *p.* 152. are in a ruinous condition and cannot be shored or supported. They shall be pulled down immediately, and the gentlemen having chambers over the kitchen have notice to remove at once for fear of accidents.

Accounts of Richard Hollings, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1738, to Jan. 23rd, 1739.

* The dial had been stolen. See *ante*, pp. 309, 312.

Receipts: £2,161 6s. 2d. Including £7 4s. from M^r Cottrel, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent, less tax.

Payments: £2,078 11s. 10d. Including £54 5s. for "old coal"; £16 18s. for faggots, billets and sea-coal; 12s. "for burnishing, boyling and soldering the large silver candlesticks that stands on the Communion Table on Sundays"; £2 2s. "for marking, cleaning and numbering all the books in the Library, being 6 days' work"; £4 11s. "for binding 7 books of the History of Thuanus"; £5 10s. to M^r Alington for a buck; £2 16s. to Thomas Atkinson for 4 doz. of china plates; £4 16s. for 2 doz. of claret; £1 14s. 8d. for 2 Westphalia hams.

Balance: £82 14s. 4d.

1739. Officers for 1739:

Treasurer: John Browne, Esq.

Master of the Library: Richard Hollings, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Henry Dry, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Job Hanmer, Esq.

John Roberts, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Thomas Turner, Esq.

p. 160.

Council held on May 9th, 12 George II, 1739.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that Master [John] Roberts be Black Book Keeper for the rest of this year."

Call to the Bar:

Mathew Hutton and John Bayes.

* John Howell, gent., one of the Fellows, setting forth that there being at the end of his chambers next the Kitchen Garden a new room, erected for a pastry, prays that he may have leave to erect over the same a room with a chimney, at his own expense.

* William Travers, gent., one of the Fellows, setting forth that there is a vacant space over the ovens lately erected by the Society adjoining to the back part of his chambers, prays that he may have leave to erect a room over the same, at his own expense.

p. 162.

Call to the Bar, May 18th, 1739:

Charles Townesend.†

* Red Book II, p. 377. Howell's chamber was at No. 21; it is described, on his admittance, as "one whole chamber, two stories high, in Gate House Court and Stone Pace Row, over part of the kitchen." (*Ibid.*, p. 322.) No order was made on these petitions; see June 28th, below.

† Adm. Aug. 22, 1712. He paid £70 3s. 6d. for arrears of absent commons. The total arrears and fees on Call amounted to £102 1s. 4d.

Council held on May 25th, 1739.
Seven Benchers present.

p. 163.

Call to the Bar:

Henry Frederick How.

"Ordered that Thomas Turner, Esq., Master of the Walks, do give directions to provide five new seats or benches in the Garden, of oak, and paint them, and to repair the Great Gate into Chancery Lane, and plaister and paint the four alcoves."

Council held on June 28th, 1739.
Six Benchers present.

p. 168.

Call to the Bar :

Francis Wilks and William Milborne.

In future no workman's or tradesman's bill over £10 shall be paid until it has been laid before the Council and examined by a Committee. p. 169.

* "Ordered that no further buildings be carried up either over the ovens or over the pastry room, and that the workmen do proceed forthwith to cover over the ovens in the most substantial manner."

Call to the Bar, July 6th, 1739 :
Joseph Harrison.

p. 170.

Council held on July 11th, 1739.
Nine Benchers present.

p. 171.

"Ordered that the Rev^d M^r Watts, the Preacher of this Society, be desired to print his sermons or discourses of the Parables, which he has lately preach'd in Lincoln's Inn Chappel."

A Committee is to view the Buttery, and report what is proper to be done in order to make it more commodious for the Chancellor.†

Council held on July 26th, 1739.
Six Benchers present.

p. 174.

The Buttery shall be altered according to M^r Bigg's plan.‡

p. 175.

* Red Book II, p. 381. The remains of these ovens were taken down in the spring of 1899.

† Lord Talbot died on Feb. 14th, 1737, and was succeeded by Philip Yorke, Lord Hardwicke. Hardwicke continued to use the Hall of Lincoln's Inn for his Court occasionally, as Talbot had done (*ante*, pp. 304, 305, 312.) He held his first sitting there on Feb. 24th, 1736-7; see note at the commencement of Atkyns' Reports. The Buttery lay between the Hall and the Chapel; see *ante*, pp. 307, 308.

‡ No details are given.

p. 176. Council held on November 15th, 1739.
Seven Benchers present.

p. 177. Call to the Bar :
George Eckersall, Marshall Rider, and Charles Lethieullier.
Ordered that five guineas be paid to M^{rs} Jane Crawford, daughter of Patrick Crawford, Esq., deceased, late one of the Masters of the Bench, she being in ill health and reduced to great want.

p. 178. Twelve persons have made encroachments on the north wall of the Great Garden; they must attend the Council on the 28th inst. at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Council held on November 28th, 1739.
Nine Benchers present.

Upon the report of the Committee on the consumption of wine, "It is ordered that M^r Farshall do every day, immediately after the cloth is drawn, give an account in writeing of the wine that is spent at the Bench and in the Hall to the Quatuor, and that the said account be then signed by the president."

p. 179. "Ordered that prayers in the afternoon shall, from the end of this term, begin at half an hour after three a'clock, and continue till the first day of next term; and that the first bell begin to ring a quarter after three a'clock; and that noe candles be used but in the Reader's desk; and that notice be given to M^r Rawlins."

Accounts of John Browne, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1739, to Jan. 23rd, 1740.

Receipts: £2,474 18s. 6d. Including £2 2s. from M^r Dayrell for the pedestal in the Great Garden*; £7 4s. from M^r Nicholas Cotterell, Principal of Furnival's Inn for a year's rent (less tax); £4 10s. from M^r Eliot Taylor, Principal of Thavies Inn, for the like; £813 6s. 8d. for chamber fines.

Payments: £2,107 8s. 4d. Including 7s. for the Lord Chancellor's picture †; £1 4s. for 2 months' nursing the foundling; £1 9s. for schooling the foundling; £2 8s. for clothing the foundling.

Balance: £367 10s. 2d.

* See *ante*, p. 317.

† Sir Philip Yorke, Lord Hardwicke, C.J.K.B., was appointed Chancellor, Feb. 21st, 1737. A mezzotint portrait, now hanging in the Council Chamber, is probably the one referred to; engraved by Johan Faber, dated 1737.

Officers for 1740 :

1740.

Treasurer : Richard Brydges, Esq.

Master of the Library : John Browne, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : James Strode, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : Thomas Turner, Esq.

Master of the Walks : William Kinaston, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 13 George II, 1740.

p. 183.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered the bell to ring a quarter before 4, and to goe to prayers at 4 a'clock, and that notice be given in the Chappel thereof."

Call to the Bar, February 7th, 1740 :

p. 185.

James Morgan.

Council held on April 23rd, 1740.

p. 192.

Thirteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

p. 193.

Ambrose Dickins and Luke Spence.

"That in regard the care of the Hall and keeping it clean is the duty of the Pannierman, he to have a moiety of the profits to be received by the Porter, arrising by my Lord Chancellor's setting in the Hall, except the hat money."*

Council held on May 9th, 1740.

p. 196.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that the shop under Chancery Lane Gate be forthwith removed." p. 198.

"Ordered that this Society subscribe for the large paper of Mr Thurloe's *Collection of State Papers*." [Margin. Pd £5 5s.]

Call to the Bench, May 10th, 1740 :

p. 199.

John Floyer, Michael Biddulph, Robert Fenwick, Marmaduke Dayrell, William Hamilton, John Green, John Idle, and Henry Montagu, a Master in Chancery, Esquires. p. 200.

Call to the Bar, June 20th, 1740 :

p. 204.

Thomas Falkner and Philip Herbert.

Council held on June 25th, 1740.

p. 206.

Eleven Benchers present.

Joseph Johnson undertakes to supply the Hall with small beer, value 10s. a barrel, for one year for £30. p. 208.

"Ordered that no wine, or exceedings, or more then one dish upon double dish days, be allowed the officers or servants of the

* Possibly gratuities for taking care of hats, etc. The quotations given in the N. E. D. all apply to a different use of the term.

Society; but upon the Grand Day, then they be allowed a bottle of wine to each mess, and what is left at the Masters' table."

p. 211. Council held on October 23rd, 1740.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Evening Prayers in the Chappel on the week days doe for the future begin at the hour of five, as heretofore accustomed, and the first bell to begin a quarter before five." A Committee is appointed to consider the consumption of candles in the Chapel and the Porter's Lodge.

p. 212. Call to the Bar, November 11th, 1740:

Thomas Staunton and Richard Aston.

p. 214. Call to the Bar, November 20th, 1740:

Peter Holford.

b. 218. Council held on December 10th, 1740.

Nine Benchers present.

p. 219. M^r Attorney General [Dudley Ryder], and six other Benchers, are appointed a Committee "to inquire into and redress all greivances, extravagant expences, and other mismanagements relateing to this Society."

Accounts of Richard Brydges, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1740, to Jan. 23rd, 1741.

Receipts: £2,197 4s. 10d.

Payments: £2,097 1s. 5d. Including £13 3s. to the charman; £10 10s. each to M^r Baron Reynolds* and M^r Serjeant Willes,† and 3s. for two purses; 11s. 3d. for salmon and lobsters, etc., at the Adjourned Council (July 4th); £6 3s. for a fat buck in Trinity Term; £10 10s. to M^r Serjeant Eyre, and 2s. 6d. for a purse;‡ 6s. to the Chief Porter, "money he spent in getting the child that was dropt under the Chappell to be kept by S^t Andrew's Parish, and 5s. to the beadle for taking the child away.

Balance: £100 3s. 5d.

1741. Officers for 1741:

Treasurer: Thomas Owen, Esq.

Master of the Library: Richard Brydges, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: John Roberts, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: William Kinaston, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Nicholas Fazakerley, Esq.

* James Reynolds; C.J.C.P. Ireland, 1727; Baron of the Exchequer, 1740.

† This can hardly refer to John Willes, who was made a Serjeant in 1737 on his appointment as C.J.C.P. Foss gives an Edward Willes as King's Serjeant in 1745; perhaps identical with the E.W. appointed Chief Baron in Ireland in 1757.

‡ William Eyre. Foss includes him in the Call of 1745.

Council held on January 23rd, 14 George II, 1741.

p. 221.

Seven Benchers present.

The Committee on Grievances, etc., report that the York Buildings Company have vacated their agreement to supply the House with Thames water,* and that they are in treaty with the New River Company to supply the House at the former rate of £10 per annum from their mains near the Terrace wall in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Council held on January 29th, 1741.

p. 223.

Eleven Benchers present.

The Committee on Grievances, etc., make the following recommendations:—

That "on the Grand Day in each terme no more then four dishes be provided and allowed to each mess at the Bench Table, including the commons of the House, and no more then three dishes at the Barr messes, their commons being also included.

"That French wine be drank in the Hall, Council Chamber, or Buttery, only on Grand or holydays for the future at the expense of the House"; and that "all the port wines used in the House for the future be bought at the best hand and of a merchant, not exceeding one guinea a dozen, which ought to contain three gallons.

"That for the future, (in respect to the uncertainty of providing commons for repasters, and as a saveing), no repast whatsoever be allowed or kept in the Hall or Buttery, except upon Barr Mootes only, or, when the term shall begin or end on Wednesday, for that day only."

That the weekly accounts and disbursements for commons be laid in the Buttery Room every Saturday morning at 1 o'clock; and that the two junior Benchers in commons for the week do audit and sign the same. p. 224.

That the accounts for the preceding term be laid on the table by the first Butler at every Adjourned Council.

That every year there be a special Council to audit and examine the Treasurer's Accounts.

These recommendations are approved and confirmed. Notice of the new Order as to repasts shall be screened forthwith.

"Moved by Mr Alington, seconded by Mr Floyer,† that the Council consider 'whether it be not for the honor and benefitt of the Society that no gentlemen to be called to the Barr in this House for the future be required or permitted to treat the Hall on being called to the Barr.'" Adjourned.

* See *ante*, p. 274.

† The first instance where the seconder of a motion is recorded.

- p.* 225. Call to the Bar, February 9th, 1741:
Walden Hanmer, Griffith Phillipps and Samuel Benyon.
- p.* 228. Council held on February 26th, 1741.
Ten Benchers present.
"Ordered that the Barr Moote treats be for the future taken away; and that every person called to the Barr doe pay £5 for the use of the Library, in lieu of the 13s. 4d. formerly paid."
- p.* 229. "Ordered that noe University Order be for the future allowed."

Council held on April 15th, 1741.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:
Lancelot Lee and Charles Greene.
Commons are raised 2s. a week, on account of the excessive dearness of provisions.
- p.* 230. "Master Melmoth reports that he has received on the 10th of April, 1741, M^r Hungerford's legacy, viz: £200, for the use of this Society."*
- p.* 234. Call to the Bar, June 4th, 1741:
David Poole.
- p.* 245. Council held on November 13th, 1741.
Nine Benchers present.
Ordered that a Chappell clerk be elected, at a salary of £5 and a gown when necessary. He must attend whenever there is a sermon.
- p.* 246. Council held on November 28th, 1741.
Five Benchers present.
- p.* 247. M^r Newsham offers to keep both the [fire] engines and the leather pipes in good order for £1 10s. a year. Accepted.
- p.* 249. Council held on December 10th, 1741.
Twelve Benchers present.
"It is the opinion of the Committee that the expences of eating commons in the Hall is in part occasioned by the fees claimed by the cook as belonging to him out of every loin of mutton, under which pretence he takes to himself in weight near half of the mutton brought into the kitchen; and the expences are further encreased by the extravagant bills brought in by him for dressing the dinners on Grand Days.

* See *ante*, pp. 290, 291.

"Ordered that for the future the cook be allowed no fees or perquisites except the drippings, nor any bills for dressing dinners on the Grand Day or any other days; but that in lieu thereof he be paid in money £7 every term, and be allowed the profits of the dripping, and his commons, which are lookt upon to be an ample compensation for his service about 16 week in the year."

"That the Steward do for the future buy the loins of mutton in the market, without the several rumps or kidneys, and take care that the same, and also the beef, be trimmed fit for dressing."

"The cook accepted the offer."

Henry Duffield is chosen Chapel Clerk.

p. 250.

Accounts of Thomas Owen, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1741, to Jan. 23rd, 1742.

Receipts: £2,783 18s. 4d. Including £450 from Hugh Hayward for the chambers late of Master [Richard] Brydges, deceased.

Payments: £2,301 13s. 0d. Including £1 4s. 3d. for tongues, oysters, etc., at the Adjourned Council [Feb. 26th]; £1 13s. for the foundling's schooling; £7 for a fat buck; 12s. for salmon and lobsters, and 4s. 10d. for sugar, oranges, lemons, bread, beer, cheese, etc., at the Adjourned Council [July 1st]; £4 4s. for tent; * 5s. to the Beadle of S. Andrew's, Holborn, "for his being ready in fetching away dropt children"; 10s. 6d. to two porters "for cleaning two very nasty rooms and some gutters."

Balance: £482 5s. 4d.

Officers for 1742:

1742.

Treasurer: Paul Jodrell, Esq.†

Master of the Library: Thomas Owen, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Thomas Turner, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Nicholas Fazakerley, Esq.

Master of the Walks: John Wood, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 15 George II, 1742.

p. 251.

Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Richard Ryder and Thomas Gregge.

"Ordered that the Sacrament money be distributed by the Dean of the Chapell four times in every year, to and amongst those poor only who are recommended by the gentlemen of the

* Probably for the Sacrament.

† Appointed Jan. 23rd, Graves Martyn having refused to act.

Bench only who are resident in town, and that a list of such gentlemen be prepared by M^r Farshall, and presented at the next Council."

p. 252.

"An Inventory of the plate belonging to the Hon^{ble} Society of Lincoln's Inn, taken the 15th day of January, 1741[-2] by William Reeve, Goldsmith, Lombard Street :—

Imprimis, a large goblet, the gift of the Right Hon. Sir Richard Raynsford, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench	...	...	...	...	...	OZ. DWT.	£	s.	D.
2. A goblet, the gift of John Green, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	51 10	13	14	8
3. A large bason and ewer, the gift of Philip, Lord Wharton, in memory of Sir Rowland Wansford, May the 7th, 1652	...	...	...	...	...	32 15	8	14	8
4. A large bason and ewer, the gift of the Right Hon. Arthur, Earl of Anglesea, Lord Privy Seal, Feb. 2nd, 1675	...	...	...	...	...	199 10	53	4	0
5. A monteth and collar, the gift of William Fellows, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	174 10	46	10	8
6. A cup and cover, the gift of Edward Rich, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	139 0	38	4	6
7. A cup and cover, the gift of John Wynniff, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	56 0	14	18	8
8. A large cullinder	...	...	...	...	...	56 0	14	18	8
9. A pair of wax-candlesticks	...	...	...	...	...	58 0	15	19	0
10. Twenty-four table-spoons	...	...	...	...	...	8 0	2	4	0
11. Twenty-four gilt tea-spoons	...	...	...	...	...	50 0	13	15	0
12. A punch ladle	...	...	...	...	...	13 0	3	13	8
13. Four sauce spoons, 1740	...	...	...	...	...	2 5	0	12	3
14. A pair of large candlesticks for an altar, the gift of Telemachus Duke, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	27 5	7	9	9
15. Two large gilt flaggons, the gift of Nich. Franklyn, Esq., 1708*	...	...	...	...	...	153 10	40	5	10
16. Two large gilt chalices and covers, the gift of John Franklyn, Esq., 1708	...	...	...	...	...	149 0	40	19	6
17. Two gilt salvers	...	...	...	...	...	119 5	32	15	9
						30 10	8	12	10
							1320 OZS.	£356	13 5

* See ante, p. 284 n.

Council held on February 9th, 1742.

p. 253.

Eleven Benchers present.

Ordered that £15 a year be paid to the New River Company for supplying this Society with water.

"M^r Melmoth acquainted the Council that in last Trinity vacation the legacy of £200 bequeathed to him by the will of John Hungerford, Esq., late one of the Benchers of this Society, after the death of his wife, to be laid out for the benefit or ornament of this Society as he, the said M^r Melmoth, should think fit, had been laid out by him (together with the further sum of £9 gs., which he received of D^r Mangey, one of the executors of the said John Hungerford, on account of interest of the said legacy), in setting up of stone posts, and obelisks, and proper lamp-irons, in and about this Society" [The account, which is set out in full, includes £165 to the mason for 107 stone posts, 10 obelisks, and 15 coach steps.] p. 254.

"M^r Melmoth also acquainted the Council that, M^r Hungerford having intimated an inclination in his will that when the said legacy was laid out some notice might be taken of him, he the said M^r Melmoth had prepared a memorial for that purpose, which he now laid before the Council. And the same being approved of, it was ordered to be inscribed upon a proper peice of marble, and set up in such place and in such manner as he shall think proper."

Council held on March 4th, 1742.

p. 255.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that an account of all the moneys received for the use of the Library be made out against the next Council day, and that a book be kept in the Library of receipts and disbursements."

"Ordered that John Wood, Esq., be at liberty to lay the Alcove Walk with ashes, the walk under that to be gravelled, and likewise to gravell the first walk entering into the Great Garden."

Council held on May 5th, 1742.

p. 257.

Ten Benchers present.

The Cook is to be allowed £60, to be paid £15 a term, and is to find sea-coal and charcoal for the Hall, kitchen and Buttery Room,* and Scotch coal for the Council Chamber. p. 258.

Call to the Bar: Lomax Martyn.

Council held on May 20th, 1742.

p. 259.

Eleven Benchers present.

The salary of Henry Duffield, the Chapel Clerk, is increased p. 260.

* See *ante*, p. 319.

from £5 to £10 a year. He must duly attend the Chapel every Sunday, and at the Monthly Sermons, and all Holy and Saints' Days, and all Epistle and Gospel Days.

- p.* 262. Council held on June 18th, 1742.
Seven Benchers present.
"Ordered that the Benchers' Garden be kept private as formerly."
"Ordered that the Chapel Clerk do attend all marriages and funeralls in the Chapel, that no churchings be there, and that M^r Rawlins have notice thereof."
- p.* 263. Call to the Bar, July 1st, 1742 :
Claudius Amyand and the Hon. Horatio Townsend.
- p.* 266. Council held on October 28th, 1742.
Six Benchers present.
Robert Pauncefort, K.C., Francis Chute, K.C., William Noel, K.C., Thomas Clarke, K.C., Hon. Heneage Legg, K.C., Hon. Alexander Hume Campbell, K.C., and Nathaniel Gundry, K.C., are invited to the Bench.*
- p.* 268. Council held on November 11th, 1742.
Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:
Nicholas Munckley and Hugh Hayward.
The Order of Council made on January 29th, 1741, to the effect that there should be no repasts except as therein mentioned, —is now repealed. There may be repasts as usual. This Order to be screened.†
- p.* 269. Call to the Bar, November 24th, 1742 :
William Hale and Abraham Isaac Elton.
- p.* 270. Council held on November 29th, 1742.
Eight Benchers present.
"Ordered that his Majestie's Attorney and Sollicitor General after they have accepted of an invitation to the Bench are not comprised within the Order made the 28th day of November, 1737."‡

* All refused but Gundry, who was called in 1743. Noel and Clarke were subsequently called, in 1754.

† See *ante*, *p.* 323.

‡ See *ante*, *p.* 314.

Call to the Bench, December 15th, 1742 :
Hon. William Murray, Esq., Solicitor General.

p. 272.

Accounts of Paul Jodrell, senior, Esquire, the Treasurer, from
Jan. 23rd, 1742, to Jan. 23rd, 1743.

Receipts: £2,215 1s. 7d. Including £1 for a grave for
M^r Ralph Barnes, deceased; £4 from M^r William Tayleure,
Principal of Thavies Inn, for a year's rent, less tax.

Payments: £1,715 10s. 7d. Including £10 10s. and 2s. 6d.
for a purse for M^r Serjeant [Thomas] Denison; £8 6s. 7d. to
M^r Gyles for 7 vols. of Thurloe State Papers in large paper, the
2nd payment; £2 12s. 6d. for binding them; £3 2s. 6d. for claret
and burgundy, (July 5th); £8 to John Bunce for 20 pictures at
8s. apiece; £8 18s. to the same for 17 more pictures; £1 1s. to
William Reeve, goldsmith, for weighing and appraising all the
House plate, taking the inscriptions thereof respectively in
English; £1 6s. for 2 silver marrow-spoons.

Balance: £499 11s. 0d.

Officers for 1743 :

1743.

Treasurer : James Strode, Esq.

Master of the Library : Paul Jodrell, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : William Kinaston, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : John Wood, Esq.

Master of the Walks : John Floyer, Esq.

Call to the Bar, February 8th, 16 George II, 1743 :
John Tripp * (wanting one term) and Roger Cumberbach.

p. 274.

Council held on March 2nd, 1743.

p. 277.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the two side walks in the Great Garden, *p.* 278.
which now lye ruff, be new gravelld in the manner as the other
walks in that Garden have lately been done; and that the upper
close walk, next the Alcove, be laid with cockle shells."

Call to the Bar, May 10th, 1743:
Nicholas Wall.

p. 280.

Council held on May 16th, 1743.

p. 281.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

Francis Capper, Esq., Edward Milles, Esq., Randal Wilbraham,
Esq., John Coxe, Esq. and Spicer Weldon, Esq.

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* Adm. June 14th, 1738.

"Ordered that M^r Baron Reynolds,* M^r Justice Denison,† M^r Baron Clarke,‡ Lord Chief Baron Idle of Scotland,§ and M^r Treasurer Owen, and M^r Treasurer Jodrell, and M^r Treasurer Strode's arms be put up in the Hall and Chappell windows in the usuall manner."

p. 283. Council held on June 3rd, 1743.
Eleven Benchers present.

p. 285. "An objection having been made to the allowance of an item of £16 [18s.] in M^r Jodrell, the late Treasurer's, Account, charged for prints which he hung up in the Councell Room, in regard that by a Standing Order of this Society no Treasurer is at liberty to lay out of his own accord more than the summe of £5 without an Order of Councell—It is ordered that £5 only, part of the said £16 [18s.], be allowed the said M^r Jodrell in his said accounts for so many of the said prints as are of that value; and that the present Treasurer do purchase of the said M^r Jodrell the rest of the said prints, and pay him what he laid out for the same more than the summe of £5; and that the Treasurer be desired to buy so many more prints as will make the set of Judges compleat, and add them to those allready hung up in the said Councell Room."

p. 287. Council held on June 15th, 1743.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

William Johnson, Hambleton Custance and Thomas Place.

p. 288. "Ordered that no Benchers of this Society have the liberty or priviledge of admitting more then one son gratis; which hath always been the usuage of this Society."

"Ordered that no more punch be henceforth introduced into the Hall or Council Chamber."

Call to the Bench, June 16th, 1743:
Nathaniel Gundry, Esq., K.C.

p. 298. Council held on November 28th, 1743.
Eleven Benchers present.

p. 299. "Ordered that M^r Farshal do, before the Adjourn'd Councel, pay the sum of £1,025 15s., admitted to be in his hands, into the the hands of M^r Child and Co., Bankers, and that the same be

* James Reynolds, appointed May, 1740.

† Thomas Denison, appointed J.K.B., Feb. 10th, 1741.

‡ Charles Clarke, appointed Nov. 29th, 1742.

§ John Idle, appointed Nov., 1741.

placed to the account and credit of James Strode, Esq., Treasurer of this Society; and that all moneys of or belonging to this Society be for the future from time to time paid into the hands of the said Bankers, and placed to the account and credit of the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the Society."

John Idle, Esq., Lord Chief Baron of Scotland, is to be invited *p.* 300. to accept the office of Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Council held on December 13th, 1743. *p.* 301.

Eight Benchers present.

Lord Chief Baron Idle is not in town, and so cannot be *p.* 302. waited on; M^r Solicitor General is appointed Treasurer.

Accounts of James Strode, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1743, to Jan. 23rd, 1744.

Receipts: £2,749 17s. 4d. Including £1 from Oliver St John, Esq., for his burial ground under the Chapel.

Payments: £2,693 15s. 2d. Including £10 10s. to M^r Serjeant [Charles] Clarke, and 1s. 6d. for a purse; £1 7s. for mugs, cups and glasses; 14s. "for 2 long staves for the 2 Head Porters, for common use in the day time, to walk about with"; £1,025 15s. into the hands of Samuel Child, Esq., and Company, Bankers; 13s. "for a new horne, to sound for the gentlemen to come to dinner."

Balance: £56 2s. 2d.

Officers for 1744:

1744.

Treasurer: Hon. William Murray, Sol. Gen.

Master of the Library: James Strode, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Nicholas Fazakerley, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: John Floyer, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Michael Biddulph, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 17 George II, 1744. *p.* 303.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Head Porter, Thomas Wharton, have half of the profits of the wine sold in the Hall, with the Pannierman."*

Call to the Bar, February 3rd, 1744: *p.* 304.
Robert Biddolfe and John Dyneley.

Call to the Bar, April 19th, 1744: *p.* 310.
Christopher Griffith.

* See *ante*, p. 321.

- p. 311. Call to the Bar, April 26th, 1744 : William Lister.*
- Council held on May 7th, 1744.
Eight Benchers present.
- p. 312. "Ordered that when any gentlemen is to be called to the Barr, M^r Farshall do attend with the Books of Admissions, and M^r Judson with the Book of Exercises."
- p. 313. Report of the Committee on the Library, which is hereby adopted and confirmed.
1. "We are of opinion that an account of the books in old edition and the duplicates be wrote out and valued, in order to their being exchanged for new editions; or, in regard the old editions will sell for very little, we submitt whether it would not be better to keep the old editions, which are often usefull, and buy new editions, at least of the most usefull books.
 2. "We are of opinion that the present Catalogue of the Library be amended by adding and distinguishing the several editions, sizes and dates of the books, and continue in the same alphabetical order; and we recommend Mr. Daniel Bellamy, a member of this Society, to compleat the said Catalogue. And when compleated, two fair copies to be made thereof in bound books, one of the which (together with the old one) be kept in the Council Chamber, and the other fair one in the Library.
 - p. 314. 3. "That no books be taken out of the Library without an Order of Council, or the Master of the Library for the time being under his hand, and the party borrowing the same giving a receipt to be entred in a book kept under lock in the Library, and that the time be limitted for returning the same by such Order.
 4. "We are of opinion that the Library Keeper shall not appoint any person to officiate in his absence without the approbation of the Master of the Library, for the time being.
 5. "We are of opinion that new locks be put on the presses wherein Lord Chief Justice Hales's Manuscripts are deposited, and the keys thereof to be kept by the Master of the Library for the time being, or, in his absence, by some other Master of the Bench in whose hands he shall think fit to deposite the same.
 6. "We are of opinion the Books in the Schedule hereunto annexed are proper to be purchased and added to the Library, and that M^r Atkinson, a tenant of this House, who has valued the books designed to be bought, do furnish the same.

JOHN WOOD,
EDWD. MILLES,
JOHN GREEN.

* In the Admission Register misprinted *Lester*.

"Viner's Abridgment, 7 vols., now published.
 Nelson's Abridgment.
 Holt's Reports.
 Fitz Gibbons [Reports in K.B.].
 Cases in Chancery, 1736.
 Cases in Equity, Forester.
 7 Modern, so many as wanting to compleat the sett.
 Cases in K.B., W. 3 time, 1738.
 Finch Reports, 1725.
 Reports of K.B., 1740.
 Reports in Equity, 1741.
 Hawkins' Pleas of the Crown.
 Treatises of Judicature of Master of the Rolls.
 Lilly's Abridgment.
 Bacon's Abridgment, to be compleated.
 Selden's Works.
 Chamber's Dictionary.
 Monsieur Bayle's ditto.
 Moreri ditto.
 Dictionare de Commerce Pa: Saven, 4 vol.*
 D^r Shaw's Abridgment of Bacon.
 Cay's Abridgement of Statues [*sic*].
 Horseman's Conveyances.
 Tanner's Notitia.
 Puffenderf.
 Grotius by Barbeyrac."

Council held on May 25th, 1744.

p. 315.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that Mr. Farshall do inquire a proper master of the trade of a shoemaker for placing out John Lincoln, foundling, to be apprentice."

Call to the Bar, May 31st, 1744 :
 Anthony Thomas Abdy.

p. 316.

Council held on June 28th, 1744.
 Nine Benchers present.

p. 322.

£800 of 3 per cent. Government Annuities shall be purchased
 in trust for the Society, out of the moneys in the hands of
 Child & Co.

* Apparently the *Dictionnaire Universel du Commerce* by Savary; not now in the Library.

- p. 326. Council held on November 22nd, 1744.
Fourteen Benchers present.
- Call to the Bar:
- p. 327. Richard Jackson, George Wanley Bowes and Walter Jodrell.
p. 328. The £800 3 per cent. annuities of 1743, cost £740.
- Council held on November 28th, 1744.
Seventeen Benchers present.
- p. 330. Mr Bellamy shall have £12 12s. for making the Catalogue of the Books in the Library, upon his delivery of two fair copies thereof.
- p. 331. Thomas Pake is appointed Steward in the room of Thomas Judson, deceased, who was Steward, Second Butler and Under-Library-Keeper.
- p. 332. Council held on December 12th, 1744.
Seven Benchers present.
- p. 333. "Ordered that Mr Newsham make a new fire-engine with a constant stream, and to be paid £25 for the same, and to be allowed the old engine; and he is to keep the new engine, together with the large engine, in repaire for the future at the old salary of 30s. yearly."
- p. 334. "Ordered that the servants of the House eat their commons in the usual room, or have no part of the commons."

Accounts of the Hon. William Murray, Solicitor General, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1744, to Jan. 23rd, 1745.

Receipts: £2,927 14s. 10d. Including £400 from Paul Feild, Esq., for the chambers on the 1st floor, No. 10, Dial Court, Dial Row, late of Edward Gibson, Esq.; £1,025 15s. from Samuel Child, Esq., and Co.

Payments: £2,672 7s. 1d. Including 8s. for the stamps on the admittances of several Bencher's sons; £43 4s. for port wine for one year up to the end of Trinity Term; £740 for £800 3 per cent. Government Annuities; £1 1s. for 3 gallons of red port; 12s. 6d. for madeira; 10s. "paid the Beadle of St Andrew's, Holborne, being ready to fetch away a child when dropt in any part of that parish."

Balance: £255 7s. 9d.

1745. Officers for 1745:

Treasurer: John Roberts, Esq.

Master of the Library: Hon. William Murray, Sol. Gen.

Dean of the Chapel: John Wood, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Michael Biddulph, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Robert Fenwick, Esq.

Call to the Bar, February 5th, 18 George II, 1745: *p.* 337.
Barham Rushbrook.

Council held on February 27th, 1745. *p.* 342.
Six Benchers present.

Ordered that M^r Farshall do put out John Lincoln* *p.* 343.
apprentice to Richard Rider, barber, for the term of seven years;
that he pay the said Richard Rider £15; and that he fit out the
boy decently with clothes.

It is reported that William Bird, Esq., one of the Masters *p.* 344.
of the Bench, is lately dead in Virginia. M^r Farshall is ordered
to make inquiries.

Call to the Bar, May 9th, 1745: *p.* 348.
Robert Jocelyn (wanting one term), Brownlow Dayrell, and
Thomas Kymer.

Call to the Bar, June 14th, 1745: *p.* 351.
Edmund Burton and Charles Corbett.

Call to the Bar, June 27th, 1745: *p.* 353.
John Richmond Webb.

Council held on July 17th, 1745. *p.* 358.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the lock of the Library door be changed, and
that the books newly bought in be chained up."

Call to the Bar, November 6th, 1745: *p.* 361.
Charles Wellard.

Accounts of John Roberts, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan.
23rd, 1745, to Jan. 23rd, 1746.

Receipts: £2,381 12s. 9d. Including £6 8s. from John
Whitehall, Principal of Furnival's Inn, being a year's rent less
£1 12s. for taxes.

Payments: £1,941 10s. 7d. Including 8s. to Henry Roberts
for my Lord Chief Justice Willes' picture in the Council Chamber;
£25 to M^r Newsham and Ragg for a new engine [*i.e.* a fire-engine];
£10 10s. and a purse to M^r Baron Clive "on his going out
Serjeant"†; 4s. 6d. to M^{rs} Mansfield‡ for 9 forms of prayer;

* A foundling; see *ante*, p. 333.

† Edward Clive, appointed a Baron of the Exchequer, April, 1745.

‡ She kept the "pamphlett shop" in New Square; see *post*, Feb. 24th, 1750.

10s. "for 20 form of prayer books on the fast day, the 18th Dec. last."*

Balance: £440 2s. 2d.

1746. Officers for 1746 :

Treasurer : William Kinaston, Esq.†

Library Keeper : John Roberts, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : John Floyer, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : Marmaduke Dayrell, Esq.‡

Master of the Walks : William Hamilton, Esq.

p. 367. Council held on January 23rd, 19 George II, 1746.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that, in regard to the distemper among the cattle,§ every Wednesday and Saturday during this term there be a boiled fowl, bacon, and greens, instead of a calf's head and tongues."

p. 368. Council held on January 28th, 1746.
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Henry Butler Pacey, lately made Second Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, "in honour of his being admitted such officer." He must pay five years' duties.||

Mr Attorney General [Sir Dudley Ryder] having read at this Council a letter from the Rev^d Mr Watts, setting forth his desire to resign his Preachership to this Society, the Council desire Mr Attorney General to return thanks to Mr Watts for his past services, and sorry for his ill state of health, and their acceptance of his resignation."

p. 369. Council held on February 4th, 1746.
Six Benchers present.

The Hon. Henry Bathurst, Esq., one of the Fellows of this Society, and one of his Majesty's Council learned in the Law, is invited to the Bench. [Refused.—*Margin.*]

Call to the Bar : The Hon. Charles Yorke.

* See *Gents. Mag.*, 1745, pp. 609, 642, 666, and 1746, p. 33. The sermon was preached by William Warburton, Chaplain to the Prince of Wales, and afterwards Preacher of Lincoln's Inn.

† Thomas Turner refused.

‡ Robert Fenwick refused.

§ See *Gents. Mag.*, 1745, pp. 630, 665.

|| He was admitted on Jan. 23rd instant.

Council held on February 26th, 1746.

p. 372.

Six Benchers present.

M^r Farshall is authorised to receive the legacy of £200 left to this Society by the Right Hon. the Lord Wyndham,* late Lord Chancellor of Ireland, deceased, and to give a discharge for the same. He must also copy or extract so much of the will as relates to the legacy. p. 373.

Council held on April 16th, 1746.

p. 374.

Seventeen Benchers present.

"The Rev^d M^r William Warburton, M.A., being this day elected to be Preacher of this Society in the place of the Rev^d M^r George Watts, who resigned his Preachership of this Society, to take place on the 1st of June—It is ordered thereupon and declared that the said M^r Warburton be and is Preacher of this Society from the said 1st of June, and that he have the same exhibition, allowance and chambers as the said M^r Watts had when he was elected Preacher, and that the same duty and attendance is expected from the said M^r Warburton, as is expressed in the Standing Orders relating to the Preacher; and that M^r Attorney General [Ryder] and M^r Solicitor General [Murray] and M^r Treasurer is hereby desired to acquaint the said M^r Warburton therewith."†

"Extracted from the Register of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. p. 375.

"In the testament or last will of Thomas Wyndham, late Baron Wyndham, deceased, dated the 29th of July, 1745, remaining in the Registry of that Court, among other things therein contained is as follows, to wit:—

"And to the Society of Lincoln's Inn aforesaid, for adorning the Chappel or Hall or both, as the Benchers shall think fit, the sum of £200 of like money.'

"Proved at London with a codicil annexed, the 24th of December, 1745, before the Judge, by the oaths of Sir Wyndham Knatchbull, Bart., Thomas Wyndham, Esq., and Matthew Goodfellow, executors." . . .

Council held on April 24th, 1746.

p. 376.

Five Benchers present.

* Thomas Wyndham; adm. 1698; bar 1705; bench 1724; created Baron Wyndham of Finglass in the Peerage of Ireland, 1731; Chancellor of Ireland, 1726 to 1736. Died Nov. 1745.

† See *ante*, pp. 307, 316.

Call to the Bar: Jeremiah Dyson.

Henry Butler Pacey, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, and Second Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, is admitted to be an Associate of the Bench, on payment of £50.

p. 381. Council held on May 30th, 1746.
Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

p. 382. Robert Harper, Esq., John Pollen, Esq., William Lambton, Esq., Taylor White, Esq., John Hassell, Esq., John Hammet, Esq., and Joseph Kirke, Esq.

Robert Warner, Esq., who was also invited, refused to accept the Call [*p.* 380].

Call to the Bar: John Upton.

p. 390. Call to the Bar, October 23rd, 1746:
John Freeman, junior.

p. 391. Call to the Bar, November 4th, 1746: Richard Ray.

Accounts of William Kinaston, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1746, to Jan. 23rd, 1747.

Receipts: £2,443 6s. 6d. Including £200 from Sir Wyndham Knatchbull Wyndham, one of the executors of the late Lord Wyndham; £6 8s. from M^r James Jackson, Principal of Furnival's Inn.

Payments: £1,942 17s. 2d. Including 10s. "paid at several times with M^r Ashmall and M^r Smith, who were always ready to sign the book as manucaptors"; £9 18s. for Land Tax and Window Tax for the chambers late of Francis Chute, Esq., deceased, who died insolvent; 3s. to M^{rs} Mansfield, for 6 forms of prayers on the fast day [Jan. 7th].

Balance: £500 9s. 4d.

1747. Officers for 1747:

Treasurer: Nicholas Fazakerley, Esq.

Master of the Library: William Kinaston, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Michael Biddulph, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: William Hamilton, Esq.

Master of the Walks: John Greene, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 20 George II, 1747. BOOK XIII.
Eight Benchers present. *p.* 1.

Roe Rotheram, silk stocking maker, is admitted tenant of the shop in the New Square lately occupied by Moses Rolls, tailor, deceased, at the same rent. [£6].

Call to the Bar, February 5th, 1747 : Edward Willes. *p.* 3.

Call to the Bar, May 21st, 1747 : William Pym. *p.* 9.

Call to the Bar, June 19th, 1747 : *p.* 12.
Richard Ripley and John Bell.

Call to the Bar, June 30th, 1747 : *p.* 13.
William Dawson, Walter Long, Marmaduke Dayrell, junior, and Henry Cholmley.

Call to the Bar, October 23rd, 1747 : *p.* 22.
The Hon. Charles Townshend.

Also Lovell Stanhope, who was admitted October 17th, 1743, and thus wants one year of his full standing. He has been appointed Law Clerk to attend the offices of the Principal Secretary of State, for which it is necessary that he should be at the Bar. He must pay all arrears and duties, and also what would have become due if he had stayed until he was of full standing.

Call to the Bar, November 19th, 1747 : *p.* 24.
William Dod and Richard Wilbraham.

Council held on December 12th, 1747 : *p.* 28.
Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the legacy given by the late Lord Windham be laid out in a picture to be drawn by M^r Hogarth, to be placed against the wall at the west end of the Chappell, according to the subject proposed by M^r Hogarth." *

Accounts of Nicholas Fazakerley, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1747, to Jan. 23rd, 1748.

* This picture, representing St Paul before Felix, now hangs in the vestibule between the Hall and the Library. See Appendix.

Receipts : £2,735 8s. 8d. Including £4 from Thomas Whitfield, Principal of Thavies Inn, for a year's rent, less tax.

Payments : £2,437 9s. 6d. Including £10 10s. and a purse to M^r Serjeant [David] Pool.

Balance : £297 19s. 2d.

1748. Officers for 1748 :

Master of the Library : Nicholas Fazakerley, Esq.

Treasurer : John Wood, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : Marmaduke Dayrell, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : John Green, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Henry Montague, Esq.

p. 37. Council held on March 11th, 21 George II, 1748.
Eight Benchers present.

p. 38. Report of the Committee as to commons, etc.:—

"We . . . have treated with the cook of this Society for providing commons according to the plan hereunto annexed, and at the rates and upon the terms therein mentioned, which the cook is willing to accept, and we are of opinion will be for the benefit of this Society.

p. 39. "And we are also of opinion that commons be provided only for the whole weeks in Easter and Michaelmas Term, beginning the first Sunday in the Term, and for the whole weeks and half weeks only in the other two terms.

"And that every person coming into commons for repasts only, shall for the future pay 1s. 6d. for each repast.

"And have also contracted with other officers of the Society upon the terms in the annexed papers mentioned.

"And we are also of opinion that the office and salary of the Steward of this Society should from henceforward cease.

"And we are of opinion that it is not necessary at present to encrease the summe which the members of the Society now pay for commons."

All of which is ordered and confirmed accordingly.

p. 38. "Ordered that the Steward be now discharged from his office, and be paid his salary for the next term, this Society having no farther occasion for such officer."*

* The office of Steward was revived on Feb. 12th, 1767, when most of the duties theretofore performed by the Chief Butler were assigned to him. In the meantime the Chief Butler is occasionally called the Steward.

Commons for Lincoln's Inn, 1748, to be varied by the *p.* 39.
Masters of the Bench in commons according to the season, keeping however as near as may be to things of the same value as are undermentioned:—

EASTER TERM.

- Sunday. Sirloin of beef, roasted, 7 lbs. to a mess undrest, with pickles and horse raddish; and baked plumb pudding.
- Monday. A neck of mutton, boyled, with proper roots and greens; a fowl, roasted, with gravy and egg sauce.
- Tuesday. Necks of veal, roasted, with 100 of asparagus.
- Wednesday. Boyled brisquets of beef, with roots and greens, 7 lb. weight; 4 pidgeons, roasted.
- Thursday. Roast beef, as on Sundays; with pudding or *p.* 40. asparagus.
- Friday. Fresh fish in season, with proper sauce; a loin of mutton, roasted, with pickles and horse-raddish.
- Saturday. Boyled tongues, roots and greens; a couple of rabbits.

TRINITY TERM.

- Sundays. The same as in Easter Term, except cucumbers instead of pickles.
- Monday. Beans and bacon, and a neck of mutton, roasted, with pickles and horse-raddish.
- Tuesday. A neck of veal, roasted, and a dish of pease.
- Wednesday. Bacon and a fowl, with greens; a shoulder of mutton roasted.
- Thursday. Roast beef, with horse-raddish and cucumbers, and a dish of pease.
- Friday. The same as in Easter Term.
- Saturday. The same as in Easter Term.

MICHAELMAS TERM.

- Sunday. Roast beef, and pickles and horse-raddish; and plumb pudding, baked.
- Monday. Boiled pork, with pease pudding and turnips; and a fowl, roasted.
- Tuesday. A boiled fowl and oyster sauce; a shoulder of mutton, roasted, with pickles, &c.
- Wednesday. Boiled beef, with roots and greens; and a couple of rabbits.

Thursday.	Roast beef, and horse-radish, pickles; and a hot apple pye.
Friday.	12d. in oysters; a dish of fresh fish, according to the season; a loin of mutton, roasted.
Saturday.	Boyled tongues, with roots and greens; and a brest of mutton, roasted, with pickles.

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HILLARY TERM.

The same as Michaelmas Term, only a baked plumb pudding, instead of rabbits, on Wednesday.

The Benchers' commons to be the same with the rest of the Hall, all the four terms.

All exceedings for the Bench table to be drest by the cook, and paid for as usual.

An addition to be made on Grand Days to the commons, to be settled by the Masters of the Bench as usual, to be dressed by the cook, and to be paid only prime costs.

The officers and servants to have for their commons the most substantial dish of the commons for that day, at 3s. 6d. the mess.

To find everything to compleat the commons in the eating, except beer, and to be allowed his usual salary.

To be allowed for providing cups, pans, ladles, sives, brooms, pails, kitchen knives, choppers, &c., 40s. each term.

To provide firing at £50 per annum.

To be paid at the rate of 6s. each mess, and in proportion for each single person dining in commons in the Hall the sum of 1s. 6d.

The broken meat from each table to belong to the servants, as usual.

I agree to these proposals, and to begin the next term.

ANTHONY TRACY."

March 11th, 1747.

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Call to the Bar, May 18th, 1748: Richard Pye.

p. 46.

Council held on June 16th, 1748.

Seven Benchers present.

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"Ordered that for the future the exceedings for the Bench table 2s. 6d. daily." [*sic.*]

Call to the Bar: Lumley Arnold.

Call to the Bar, June 25th, 1748 : p. 48.
John Parry and John Wycliffe.

Council held on June 29th, 1748. p. 49.
Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that the £200 left by my Lord Wyndham be paid p. 53.
to M^r Hogarth." *

Call to the Bar, November 17th, 1748. p. 57.
Thomas Ansell, John Skynner and William Burlton.

Call to the Bar, November 24th, 1748 : John Hatch. p. 58.

Accounts of John Wood, Esquire, the Treasurer, from
Jan. 23rd, 1748, to Jan. 23rd, 1749.

Receipts : £2,415 19s. 9d.

Payments : £2,103 14s. 10d. Including £1 4s. 6d. for
Lisbon wine ; £200 to M^r Hogarth for the picture ; 17s. 10d. for
canary.

Balance : £312 4s. 11d.

Officers for 1749 : 1749.

Library Keeper : John Wood, Esq.

Treasurer : John Floyer, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : William Hamilton, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : Henry Montagu, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Francis Capper, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 22 George II, 1749. p. 63.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that a Catalogue of the several Manuscripts which p. 64.
are in the Library be made, under the direction and inspection of
the Master of the Library ; and that all the keys of the several
presses and chests, wherein those Manuscripts are kept, be delivered
to him, and do remain in his custody, and that such presses or
chests be not opened but by the license of the Master of the
Library for the time being."

Call to the Bar, February 7th, 1749 : p. 65.
Peter Burrell and Mathew Hale.

* See Appendix.

- p. 66. Council held on February 13th, 1749.
Eleven Benchers present.
- p. 68. "Ordered that M^r Hogarth be desired to send home the picture, and that it be placed in the Council Room till further Order."
M^r Prothonotary Pacey, [an Associate to the Bench], has leave to enter his son as the son of a Benchers.
- p. 72. Council held on April 19th, 1749.
Eight Benchers present.
* Thomas Emlyn, gent., one of the Fellows, is admitted to a whole chamber, one story high, over the Council Chamber, late of Robert Cuningham, Esq., deceased; fine £450.
- p. 73. Call to the Bar, April 28th, 1749:
Michael Biddulph, junior, and John Moss.
- p. 74. Council held on May 8th, 1749.
Six Benchers present.
Ordered that £500 3 per cent. Government Annuities of the year 1743 be purchased.
- p. 76. Council held on June 8th, 1749.
Seven Benchers present.
Call to the Bar:
Frederic Halsey, wanting two terms.
- p. 77. "Ordered that M^r Treasurer be desired to purchase a pipe of Red Port for the use of this Society." [Order discharged June 14th; p. 79.]
- p. 83. Council held on October 23rd, 1749.
Twelve Benchers present.
Richard Farshall, the Chief Butler, is dead.
Upon the petition of Anthony Tracy, the cook, setting forth that by the late regulations the profits of his office have been considerably reduced, the statements wherein are verified by his affidavit annexed—It is ordered that his salary be increased £5 a term.
[The original affidavit is inserted in the Black Book. From it, it appears that from Easter Term, 1748, to Trinity Term last, both inclusive, his profit on his agreement as to commons amounted to £11 16s. 5½d., and £6 6s. 6¼d. from the sale of dripping.]

* Red Book II, p. 479. The chamber is also described as in Kitchen Garden Court, and Library Stair Case. *Ibid.*, 309, 476.

Call to the Bar, November 14th, 1749 :

p. 86.

Paul Panton, and Holland Cookesey; the latter wants one term.

Accounts of John Floyer, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1749, to Jan. 23rd, 1750.

Receipts: £2,846 16s. 2d.

Payments: £2,606 4s. 6d. Including £1 5s. for *Bibliotheca Britannico-Hibernica* by D^r Tanner; £2 2s. for 6 gals. of mountain.*

Balance: £240 11s. 8d.

Officers for 1750 :

1750.

Master of the Library : John Floyer, Esq.

Treasurer : Michael Biddulph, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : John Greene, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : Francis Capper, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Randal Wilbraham, Esq.

Call to the Bar, February 8th, 23 George II, 1750 :

p. 91.

John Trenchard.

Council held on February 12th, 1750.

p. 93.

Six Benchers present.

The humble petition of George Hall, second Butler and [under-] Library Keeper, setting forth that he has been allowed 6d. per term from every gentleman of this Society for his attending the Library, and 12d. per year as second Butler, as formerly allowed to others in the same place, and that there are many gentlemen who refuse to pay him the same. Referred to a Committee. p. 94.

Council held on February 27th, 1750.

p. 95.

Five Benchers present.

"Upon the humble petition of Joseph Keen, chymist, near the end of Chancery Lane, Holborn, setting forth that he hath lately purchased a repairing lease of the Governors of S^t Bartholomew's Hospital, of five houses, two of which are in Chancery Lane and three next adjoining in Holborn; and that the said houses being in a ruinous condition, he is about repairing the same, and finds it necessary to take down and rebuild the end of one of the said houses which joins to the Garden Wall belonging to this Society; and that the rafters of the roof of his laboratory hath for many years bore upon the said Garden Wall without detrimenting the p. 96. p. 97.

* A kind of Malaga. McCulloch, *Dict. of Commerce*.

same; and that his business requires him to lengthen his said laboratory a few foot. Therefore beging leave for his workmen to go in and out of the garden, and erect scaffolds for that purpose, and also liberty to rest the rafters of his said laboratory a few feet further on the said wall, so as not to prejudice the same." Referred to a Committee.

Elizabeth Mansfield, who has been tenant of a shop in the Inn* for 23 years, "and all that time never troubled this Society for any favour," petitions to be allowed a year's rent in order to do some urgently needed repairs. Also that her rent may be reduced from £4 10s. to £3, inasmuch as "her business is so very much lessened by the vast decay of trade for many years last past that she finds it a difficult matter to get a livelihood." [Granted, May 2nd; p. 99].

p. 99. Council held on May 22nd, 1750.
Fourteen Benchers present.

p. 100. Call to the Bar:
Bamber Gascoigne.

"Ordered that notice be given as soon as may be to M^r Joseph Keen not to build or encroach upon the ground or limits belonging to the Society of Lincoln's Inn, nor cause any further erections to be built on the premises aforesaid."

p. 101. Council held on May 28th, 1750.
Ten Benchers present.

p. 102. "Ordered that M^{rs} Morgan be at liberty to renew the lease of the house in Newgate Street for a term of 31 years from the end of her former lease, under the terms of the former lease, upon her paying £100 for a fine, and entring into a covenant to lay out £200 at least in necessary and substantial repairs."

"Ordered that 6d. a term be paid by every member residing in the Society of Lincoln's Inn to the Under Library Keeper, pursuant to former Orders."

p. 104. Call to the Bar, June 28th, 1750:
William Nailour and Edward Webley.

p. 109. Call to the Bar, November 3rd, 1750:
Jonathan Morton Pleydell and Charles Cocks.

p. 110. Call to the Bar, November 20th, 1750: Charles Gould.

* The "pamphlet shop" in New Square

Council held on November 28th, 1750.

p. 111.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the picture be put at the upper end of the Hall, and that it be referred to the next Council to consider of a frame for it." p. 113.

Council held on December 12th, 1750.

p. 114.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the frame of the picture is approv'd of, and Mr Treasurer is desired to see the same when framed placed up in the Hall."

Accounts of Michael Biddulph, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1750, to Jan. 23rd, 1751.

Receipts: £1,846 18s. 10d. Including £39 dividend on £1,300 3 per cent. annuities; £100 from M^{rs} Elizabeth Morgan as a fine for her new lease, to commence at Lady Day, 1759.

Payments: £1,506 6s. 0d. Including 10s. for a barrel of beer given to the boys of S^t Andrew's parish, May 24th; £15 15s. for *Tractatus Tractatum*,* 29 vols., folio; £10 10s. and a purse, 1s. 6d., to M^r Justice [Nathaniel] Gundry, as Serjeant†; 15s. for carrying away 3 children dropped in the Inn.

Balance: £340 12s. 10d.

Officers for 1751:

1751.

Library Master: Michael Biddulph, Esq.

Treasurer: William Hamilton, Esq. ‡

Dean of the Chapel: Henry Montague, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Randal Wilbraham, Esq.

Master of the Walks: John Coxe, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 24 George II, 1751.

p. 116.

Ten Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

Edward Poor, Esq., Paul Jodrell, Esq., James Morgan, Esq., and Thomas Turner, junior, Esq.

Beversham Filmer, Esq., Hon. Edward Walpole, and Robert Harley, Esq., who were invited to the Bench on the same occasion, did not accept. [p. 113].

* *Tractatus Universi Juris*, Venice, 1584-6.

† Appointed a Judge of the Common Pleas in May, 1750.

‡ Marmaduke Dayrell refused.

- p. 117. Call to the Bar: Thomas Anguish.
 "Ordered that this Society for the future, after Monday next, dine at 3 of the clock, except on Sundays, and on Sundays to dine at the usual hour. And that publick notice thereof be given in the Hall."
- p. 118. Call to the Bar, February 5th, 1751:
 Richard Davies and Robert Waring Darwin.
- p. 120. Council held on February 26th, 1751.
 Nine Benchers present.
- p. 121. "Ordered that M^r Hogarth be at liberty to take the picture and retouch it, if he think proper, before it be framed."
 "Retouched accordingly." *Margin.*
- p. 122. Council held on April 24th, 1751.
 Seven Benchers present.
- p. 123. "Ordered that the resolution of the Governors of S^t Bartholomew's Hospital, touching the right claimed by this Society to 3 feet of ground lying on the north side of the Garden Wall of this Society, now in the occupations of several tenants to the said Hospital in Chancery Lane and Holborn, be taken into consideration the next Council. And that all the gentlemen of the Bench be in the meantime attended with copys of the said resolution."
 M^r Johnson, the Chief Butler, is to pay M^r Gossett £25 for the picture frame.
- p. 125. Call to the Bar, May 9th, 1751: Lawrence Carter.
- p. 127. Council held on June 7th, 1751.
 Seven Benchers present.
 "Ordered that application be made to M^r Woodcock desiring him to be concerned as solicitor on behalf of this Society, relating to the dispute between this Society and the Governors of S^t Bartholomew's Hospital, touching the right to the north wall of the Great Garden and the 3 foot of ground on the north side of the said wall, claimed by this Society; and that the said M^r Woodcock be desired to prepare a case for the consideration of the Masters of the Bench, and do all other things proper as solicitor relating to the said dispute."
- p. 128. Call to the Bar, June 19th, 1751:
 Spencer Schutz, George Tollet, William Kilborn, Baker John Littlehales and Richard Hulse.

Council held on June 26th, 1751.

p. 130.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the arms of Mr Baron [Edward] Clive and Mr Justice [Nathaniel] Gundry be put up in the Hall at the expence of this Society." *p.* 131.

Council held on November 5th, 1751.

Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

p. 135.

Mathew Waters, and Thomas Corbett.

* David Richard, peruke maker and barber, is accepted as tenant at will of one of the shops in New Square, at a rent of £5 10s.

Call to the Bar, November 21st, 1751 :

p. 136.

The Hon. Robert Harley (wanting one term), and William Russell.

Council held on November 28th, 1751.

p. 137.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that when any gentleman of this Society, who hath two chambers in his own right, hath kept the Grand Week and one other for one chamber, and afterwards keeps a third week in the same term, and paid for all those commons, the third week to be allowed for the second chamber."

Accounts of William Hamilton, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1751, to Jan. 23rd, 1752.

Receipts: £2,343 8s. 9d.

Payments: £1,595 5s. 1½d. Including 7s. 6d. for coffee and tea at the Benchers' Treat, (March 5th).

Balance: £748 3s. 7½d.

Officers for 1752:

1752.

Library Master: William Hamilton, Esq.

Treasurer: Henry Montague, Esq. [*p.* 143.]

Dean of the Chapel: Francis Capper, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: John Cox, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Robert Harper, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 25 George II, 1752:

p. 142.

Eleven Benchers present.

"Ordered that Mr Treasurer be desired to pay 5 guineas to Mr Vertue for the print of the Chappell."

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 276.

p. 143. £600 Bank 3 per cent. Annuities are to be purchased.
 "Bought at £606 15s." *Margin.*

p. 144. Call to the Bar, February 6th, 1752:
 Charles White and George Gent.

p. 145. Council held on February 12th, 1752.
 Five Benchers present.

p. 146. £300 Bank 3 per cent. Annuities are to be purchased.
 "Purchased at £306 7s. 6d." *Margin.*

p. 151. Call to the Bar, April 30th, 1752:
 Richard Capper and John Parker.

p. 152. Call to the Bar, May 6th, 1752: Richard Wharton.

p. 156. Call to the Bar, June 12th, 1752: John Bland.

p. 159. Council held on July 2nd, 1752:
 Thirteen Benchers present.

* A Committee is appointed to consider the best way of insuring a constant supply of water; also to make a list of the names of the proprietors of chambers in the New Square who have not suffered by the late fire, and to consider proposals and recommendations for taking down the "cornish" of their several houses, and what may be substituted in the room thereof.

p. 162. Council held on July 9th, 1752.
 Eight Benchers present.

The inhabitants of that part of Chancery Lane lying between Chancery Lane Gate and Holborn, desirous of providing water in case of accidents by fire and also of keeping that part of the Lane watered daily during the summer, petition for leave to sink a well in the upper part of the Lane, under the garden wall, and to fix a pump there, at their own expense. They have applied to the New River Company for water for those purposes, but have been refused. It is referred to the Committee on the Supply of Water.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer be at liberty to distribute at his own discretion any sum not exceeding £40 amongst the turncocks and guards and such persons as assisted with engines in extinguishing the late fire, except those belonging to the several Fire Offices."

* Serle's Court Book, I, 281. The fire took place on June 27th, at Nos. 10 and 11, New Square. See Appendix.

* " Benjamin Spicer, one of the Keepers of the two engines belonging to the Parish of S^t Clement's Danes, the one a large and the other a lesser engine, maketh oath and saith that he, together with 50 other men at the least to assist in working the said two engines, did attend with both the said engines at the late fire which happened in Lincoln's Inn on Saturday, the 27th day of June last, for the space of six hours at the least, viz^t, the first of the said engines from about a quarter after one o'clock, and the other before two o'clock in the morning of the said day ; and that both the said engines continued there till about 7 o'clock of the same morning in order to help in extinguishing the said fire ; and that the said lesser engine remained there the Sunday and Monday following " The only remuneration he or any others have received is from the Parish of S^t Clement's Danes, two sums of £1 10s. and £1 for the first and second engines, pursuant to the Act of Parliament,† and from the Commissioners of his Majesty's Stamp Office the several sums of £6 and £2 5s. Sworn July 13th, 1752, before Henry Montague.

Council held on July 16th, 1752.

p. 164.

Eight Benchers present.

" Upon the report of M^r Treasurer that the New River Company have desired to know in what manner this Society propose to be supplied with water in cases of fire—It is ordered that the said Company be acquainted that the Society propose to be supplied with water from their pipes in Chancery Lane and Lincoln's Inn Fields on the west side of the Garden Wall, with proper keys to turn the water from the Company's main pipes into the said pipes in Chancery Lane and Lincoln's Inn Fields when occasion of fire shall make it necessary; and from thence into such reservoir or receptacle as this Society may think proper to make, not exceeding 5 feet in depth and 45 feet in diameter."

Council held on July 23rd, 1752.

p. 166.

Six Benchers present.

The Committee on the Supply of Water recommend that the basin in the Benchers' Garden be enlarged to 5 feet in depth and 40 feet of surface; in order to guard against the great inconvenience which happened at the late fire, such reservoir should be kept constantly full of water, and should therefore be connected with

* Original affidavit inserted in the Black Book. "N.B. Affidavits of the like nature were made by the several keepers of the engines who received any share of the money distributed, and such affidavits are deposited in the hands of Mr. Johnson, the Chief Butler."

† 7 Anne, cap. 17, sec. 2.

the New River Company's pipes, both in Lincoln's Inn Fields and Chancery Lane, with cast-lead or wooden pipes. [Etc.; a lengthy report].

p. 169.

Council held on July 30th, 1752.

Seven Benchers present.

£300 3 per cent. Bank Annuities ordered to be purchased.

Cost £313 10s.

"Michaelmas Term being abbreviated,* It is ordered that the whole of the next term be kept in the same manner as it formerly was before the Order of Council of the 11th day of March, 1747."†

p. 174.

Council held on December 12th, 1752.

Ten Benchers present.

‡ Jonas Appleyard, innholder, of the Star Inn,§ has leave to erect a shed resting upon part of the Society's wall, the same to continue during the pleasure of the Bench; reserving the right of Lincoln's Inn for a free passage for carts and other carriages up to the door placed in the wall under the said shed, for the purpose of removing ashes, etc., from the laystalls belonging to the Society on the other side of the wall. As an acknowledgment, "one good fatt turkey for the use of the Masters of the Bench" must be paid yearly on the last Monday but one in Michaelmas Term. This minute is signed by Charles Montague, the landlord, and Jonas Appleyard, the tenant, and attested by Joseph Johnson, the Chief Butler of the Inn.

Accounts of Henry Montague, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1752, to Jan. 23rd, 1753.

Receipts: £3,048 3s. 5d. Including £730 13s. 4d. for chamber fines; £6 11s. 2d. from Stafford Squire, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent, less taxes; £37 10s., half year's dividend on £2,500 3 per cent. Bank Annuities, due at Christmas.

Payments: £2,946 7s. 0½d. Including £6 11s. 6d. to the gardener, for removing elms and planting box in the Garden; £16 15s. 6d. to Thomas Gilpin, the silversmith, for gilding all the Communion plate, &c.; £1 1s. each to the following fire-engine men, St Clement's, St Dunstan's, St Bride's, Bridewell,

* By 24 George II, cap. 48, Michaelmas Term began on Nov. 6th instead of Oct. 23rd or 24th as previously.

† *I.e.*, 1747-8; see *ante*, p. 340.

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, pp. 283, 284.

§ It was doubtless this Inn that gave its name to Star Yard.

Gray's Inn, St Andrew's, Inner Temple, Middle Temple, St Giles's, St George's Bloomsbury, Foundling Hospital, and the Duke of Bedford's; £1 1s. to the New River turncock for assisting at the late fire; 10s. 6d. to the two Temple porters, £2 2s. to the Serjeant and the Guard, and £4 11s. to our own porters, on the same occasion; £1,225 17s. 6d. for £1,200 Bank Annuities.

Balance: £101 16s. 4½d.

Officers for 1753:

1753.

Library Master: Henry Montague, Esq.

Treasurer: Francis Capper, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Randal Wilbraham, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Robert Harper, Esq.

Master of the Walks: John Pollen, Esq.

Call to the Bar, January 23rd, 26 George II, 1753:

p. 177.

Joseph Banks, who has been admitted upwards of thirteen years,* on payment of five years' duties; he must "waive his first admission to the House, and take his standing from his first five years last past before his Call to the Bar."

Call to the Bar, February 6th, 1753:

p. 178.

Charles Delaet† and Robert Gale.

Council held on February 12th, 1753.

p. 180.

Ten Benchers present.

"Upon reading the petition of several of the Barristers and Students of this Society, setting forth that the cook, notwithstanding the continued representations made by the members of this Society for many years past and the remonstrances of the Benchers on Tuesday, the 30th of last month, hath frequently since sent bad and unwholesome meat to the several messes belonging to this Society, and praying that he may be removed and discharged." Adjourned.

† Luke Robinson, Esq., Barrister, who has lately purchased one whole ground chamber, No. 25, Gate House Court, Chancery Lane Row, complains "that there is erected a shop or shed in Chancery Lane, joining to the said chambers, and part thereof under the window of the said chamber and other part thereof

* Adm. June 13th, 1739. He paid £16 4s. for absent commons, £6 for vacation commons, £1 6s. 8d. for pensions, and £2 10s. to the Preacher's Roll, in addition to the usual fees of £10 for Call and Library.

† Sometimes written De Laet.

‡ Red Book III, pp. 4, 5.

close to the said window, which is a great nuisance and darkens the windows, and is otherwise greatly inconvenient," and prays that it may be removed. Ordered [Feb. 27th] that the shop or shed be removed at the expense of the Society on payment by M^r Robinson of £10 10s. to the Second Butler in consideration of his interest therein.

* A Committee is appointed "to consider of the purchase proposed to be made of the scite and soil of the sheds in Serle Street, behind part of Lincoln's Inn Square, in order to be laid into and widen the said Street; and whether it may be proper for this Society to contribute any and what sum of money towards such purchase."

p. 188. Call to the Bar, June 27th, 1753:
Frederic William Guy Dickens.†

p. 193. Call to the Bar, November 20th, 1753:
Thomas Lane (wanting three terms, but proposing to purchase a place in the law, which cannot be done unless he is a Barrister), William Bateson, Mathew Skinner, John Birch and William Rogers.

p. 194. Council held on November 28th, 1753.
Eight Benchers present.

‡ "Ordered that £55 be paid to Francis Capper, Esq., by M^r Johnson, the Chief Butler, in order to make up the deficiency of the purchase money for the scite and soil of the shops and sheds in Serle Street, behind part of Lincoln's Inn New Square, the said M^r Capper having completed the deed of purchase."

Accounts of Francis Capper, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1753, to Jan. 23rd, 1754.

Receipts: £2,846 3s. 4½d. Including £1,240 16s. 8d. for chamber fines; £15 from Mr. [? John] Barnardiston, for one year's rent for the chambers, No. 21, late George Hyde, Esq., deceased, due at Christmas last; £10 from John Willes, Esq., for half a year's rent for the ground chamber, No. 3 in the old Buildings, due Michaelmas last.§

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 285. See *ante*, p. 263.

† This name is a little uncertain; besides the form in the text, it occurs as GuyDickens, Guydickens, and Guidickens. It is always indexed under G. A Rev. Frederick William Guydickens died Oct. 14, 1779. *Gents. Mag.*

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 290. See above.

§ These are the first cases of chambers being let at a rent. The records of the Inn throw no light as to when or why this was first done.

Payments: £2,470 13s. 5d. Including 10s. for a barrel of beer given to the boys of St Andrew's parish, (May 31st); £4 8s. for 4 fruit-dishes and 6 basins; £518 15s. for £500 3 per cent. Bank Annuities.

Balance: £375 9s. 11½d.

Officers for 1754:

1754.

Library Master: Francis Capper, Esq.

Treasurer: Randal Wilbraham, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: John Coxe, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: John Pollen, Esq.

Master of the Walks: William Lambton, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 27 George II, 1754.

f. 199.

Seven Benchers present.

"Upon the motion of Mr Attorney General [Sir Dudley Ryder], It is ordered that the Trustees of Sir Hans Sloane's Museum have liberty of meeting in the Council Chamber, as they shall think proper." *

f. 200.

Call to the Bar, February 7th, 1754:

f. 204.

Philip Carteret Webb and Robert Harper, junior.

Council held on May 8th, 1754.

f. 210.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

Charles Wellard, John Probyn,† Robert Holden, and Arthur Jones, Esquires.

Thomas Martin, Mathew Lamb, Thomas Kyffin, Edward Lovisia Man,† Samuel Henry Pont, Richard Samborne, Thomas Nugent and Thomas Harris, Esquires, were invited to the Bench at the same time, but refused [pp. 201, 202, 203].

The Hon. Richard Mountney, Esq., one of the Barons of the Exchequer in Ireland, who had been invited to the Bench, writes

f. 211.

* After the death of Sir Hans Sloane, Jan. 11th, 1753, his collections were offered to the nation as laid down in his will. An Act of Parliament, 26 George II, cap. 26, was passed, authorizing the purchase of Sloane's museum, and of the Harley MSS., and also of a suitable place for housing them. Montague House in Great Russell St., Bloomsbury, was bought the same year. The offer in the text was doubtless made pending the necessary repairs to what was afterwards known as the British Museum.

† John Hopkins, nephew and heir of Edmund Probyn, Chief Baron; assumed the name of Probyn after his uncle's death in 1742. Adm. 1725; bar 1730.

‡ See *ante*, p. 289.

"that he is extremely sensible of the honour done him by the Bench, in inviting him to become a member of it, but as his lot happens to be cast in another country, he thinks himself obliged to decline accepting a post in which it cannot be in his power to be of the least use to a Society which he so much respects, and to which he is so much indebted."

p. 212. "Ordered that the Order of the 28th of November, 1737, relating to the King's Council, be repealed."*

p. 213. Call to the Bench, May 17th, 1754:

The Hon. William Noel, Esq., K.C., Thomas Clarke, Esq., K.C., and the Hon. Charles Yorke, Esq., K.C. Henry Banks, Esq., K.C., and Mathew Lamb, Esq., K.C., were invited at the same time, but refused. [p. 211.]

Call to the Bar:

Theodore Johnson and John Ord.

p. 215. Council held on May 27th, 1754.

Six Benchers present.

"Upon the humble petition of Henry Duffield, Pannierman to this Society, setting forth that he having the care of the Hall in keeping it clean and providing all the glasses, &c., praying to have the profit arising from the wine there sold—It is ordered that the said Pannierman only do for the future provide wine for such gentlemen in the Hall as desire to have it, in the same manner as Thomas Bevan, the late Pannierman did."†

p. 216. Call to the Bench, June 14th, 1754:

Henry Gapper, Esq., Levet Blackborne, Esq., and Anthony Keck, Esq.‡

Samuel Harrison, William Hale, Richard Cope Hopton, and Ambrose Dickins, Esquires, were invited at the same time, but refused. [p. 214.]

p. 217. Call to the Bar, June 21st, 1754:

Jeremiah Nicholls and Benjamin Yate.

p. 218. Call to the Bar, June 27th, 1754:

Francis Wardle§ and the Hon. John Yorke.

* See *ante*, p. 314.

† See *ante*, p. 331.

‡ Anthony James, adm. 1731; bar 1736; assumed the name and arms of Keck in 1737. Burke, *Landed Gentry*, 1847.

§ In the *Admission Register*, his name is misprinted James Wordle.

Council held on July 17th, 1754. p. 221.

Six Benchers present.

Lewis Jones, Esq., a Barrister of this Society and Second p. 222.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, is called to be an
Associate of the Bench, on payment of £50.

Call to the Bar, November 6th, 1754: William Selwyn. p. 223.

Call to the Bar, November 20th, 1754: p. 224.
John Day and William Waller.

Council held on December 12th, 1754. p. 227.

Twelve Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer do return the thanks of this p. 228.
Society to the executors of the late Christopher Tancred, Esq.,
deceased, for transmitting to him copies of the deed and will of the
said Christopher, whereby several benefactions are given to the
Students of this Society."*

Accounts of Randal Wilbraham, Esquire, the Treasurer,
from Jan. 23rd, 1754, to Jan. 23rd, 1755.

Receipts: £2,504 13s. 5½d. Including £660 6s. for absent
commons; £4 10s. from M^r James Read,† Principal of Thavies
Inn, for a year's rent, less tax.

Payments: £2,365 10s. 0d. Including 2s. 6d. "for taking
away a man dropt down dead in the Square"; 1s. for a letter going
to Ireland; 6s. for cleaning the snow off the Chapel, March 14th;
£10 10s. to Lord Chief Justice Ryder, going out Serjeant, and
1s. 6d. for a purse‡; 7s 6d. to the porters for taking away a child
dropped at No. 5 in the Square; £513 15s. for £500 Consolidated
3 per cent. Bank Annuities, at 102¾; £16 for 32 large standing
elms.

Balance: £139 3s. 5½d.

Officers for 1755:

1755.

Treasurer: Hon. William Noel, K.C.

Master of the Library: Randal Wilbraham, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Robert Harper, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: William Lambton, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Taylor White, Esq.

* Tancred died on Aug. 21st, 1754. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

† Or Praed; he is sometimes called one, and sometimes the other.

‡ Sir Dudley Ryder, the Attorney General, was appointed C.J.K.B., May 2nd,
1754.

p. 231. Call to the Bar, February 8th, 28 George II, 1755 :
Edward Bullock.

p. 237. Council held on April 27th, 1755 :
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Halfpenny have leave to take away the two statues in the Benchers' Garden, in a week's time, upon payment of £5."

p. 238. "Ordered that the duties and Land Tax charged on the chambers, No. 10 and 11 in the New Square, where the late fire happened, be discharged for two years to Michaelmas last, and the same to be paid out of the common stock."

Call to the Bar, May 7th, 1755: Maurice Bernard.

p. 239. Council held on May 12th, 1755.
Seven Benchers present.

p. 240. "Upon consulting with M^r Mills, Surveyor to the New River Company, about fixing a proper place for a supply of water for the use of this Society in case of fire, he was of opinion that the bason in the Benchers' Garden may be made equally as usefull for such purpose as a new one in the old Garden, and for much less expence." To be considered.

Council held on May 30th, 1755.
Seven Benchers present.

p. 241. "Ordered that a plantation be made between the Terrace Walk and the north wall of the old garden, in such manner as to conceal the wall and to prevent the backs of houses from being seen."

"Ordered that the gardener takes care to rowl the gravel walks, and to mow and rowl the grass slopes and square, and to water twice a week all the late planted trees, and to keep the Gardens clean and in good order, and also to keep out low and indecent people; and that he attend the next Council."

"Ordered that the Chapple windows be taken down and repaired."

Council held on June 13th, 1755.
Five Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Thomas Hotchkin and Alured Pinke, junior.

p. 242. "Ordered that the Chappel be shut up on Monday next, being the 16th instant, in order to be repaired and beautified, and that M^r Rawlins do immediately publish the same in the Chappel."

Accounts of the Hon. William Noel, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1755, to Jan. 23rd, 1756.

Receipts: £2,628 12s. 3½d. Including £470 from John Maddocks for two whole chambers, 2 and 3 stories high, late of Lord Chief Baron Idle, deceased*; £105 for the year's dividend on £3,500 Consolidated 3 per cent. Bank Annuities; £451 17s. 6d. for the sale of £500 of the same, ex dividend, at 90¾.

Payments: £2,271 8s. 8½d. Including £10 10s. and a purse to Lomax Martyn, Esq., going out Serjeant; £32 6s. 6d. for Land Tax for the chambers in the New Square where the late fire was; £3 3s. for Sir John Strange's Reports, 2 vols.; £1 1s. for a set of Acts, 27 George II; £88 11s. 6d. to William Price, the glass-painter.

Balance: £357 3s. 7d.

Officers for 1756:

1756.

Treasurer: Hon. Charles Yorke, K.C.

Master of the Library: Hon. William Noel, K.C.

Dean of the Chapel: John Pollen, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Taylor White, Esq.

Master of the Walks: John Hammet, Esq.

Call to the Bar, January 23rd, 29 George II, 1756: *p.* 254.
John Grayhurst.

Call to the Bar, February 5th, 1756: *p.* 255.
George Winn and John Crofts, junior.

Call to the Bar, May 21st, 1756: *p.* 263.
Thomas Emlyn and Thomas Kynaston.

Call to the Bar, May 26th, 1756: *p.* 265.
John Lee and Thomas Wilson.

Call to the Bar, May 31st, 1756: *p.* 266.
Maynard Clarke, who has been admitted upwards of 20 years, and is now desirous of being called, though not with an intent of practising. He must waive his first admission, and take his standing as from five years last past.

Council held on June 18th, 1756. *p.* 268.
Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that a gate be made in the New Square, facing the

* They were at No. 9, Garden Court.

long walk, . . . and that the pavement leading thereto be made suitable." A good lock shall be put on the gate, and numbered keys thereto be delivered to the resident Benchers. [A list of 31 persons to whom keys were delivered is given in the margin; they are not all Benchers.]

p. 269. Council held on July 7th, 1756.
Six Benchers present.

p. 270. "Ordered that the wall next Chancery Lane be coped, and the largest holes stopt, and the ground adjoining thereto be planted with proper shrubbs."

p. 271. Council held on July 21st, 1756.
Six Benchers present.

p. 273. "It is ordered that a proper peice of water be made in the Benchers' Garden before next term."

p. 274. An Extraordinary Council held on November 2nd, 1756.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the gates leading to Portugal Street, Chichester Rents and Bishop's Court, from Lincoln's Inn, be shutt on Monday next* from 10 in the morning for the remaining part of that day.

"That the two great Gates be shutt from 10 in the morning for the remainder part of that day, and that six Porters and two Constables attend at each of those Gates in order to lett in the Nobility, Judges, and other company who are to dine at the Serjeants' Feast, as likewise to lett in the members of the Society and their friends.

"That the passage to the Hall be boarded up, and doors made as usual to lett the company into the Hall; and that two Porters and a Constable attend at each of those doors.

"That the Garden Gates be shutt all that day.

"That the Gardener, his man, and two Porters, do patrole the Terras Walk, to prevent any person from coming over the wall.

"That Mr Johnson, the Steward to this Society,† do hire twelve extraordinary Porters, or such number of Porters as shall be necessary, to do the necessary duty on that day; and he do appoint the several Porters to their several stations.

"That great care be taken that there be no disturbance or riott committed in the Inn on that day.

"That in case the Porters or other servants do not keep

* Nov. 8th.

† Johnson was the Chief Butler. See *ante*, p. 340 n.

good order or are negligent in doing of their dutys, that M^r Johnson do report their misbehaviour at the next Council.

"That the cooks, Messrs. Davis and Cartwright, who are *p.* 275. to dress the Serjeants' Dinner, have the use of the kitchen, and all the offices belonging thereto, together with the furniture of the same; and that M^r Johnson do intimate to them that they are to provide such chairs for the company as shall be wanting."*

Council held on November 6th, 1756.

Eight Benchers present, including Lord Mansfield.†

The Principal and Ancients of Furnival's Inn may renew their lease on payment of a fine of £50. The new lease shall be for 61 years from Michaelmas last at a rent of £8 a year; they must not assign the lease without leave of the Council of this Society, nor demise any portion to any person who does not practice or profess the law.

Call to the Bar, November 23rd, 1756:
Granado Pigott and Elijah Impey.‡

p. 277.

Council held on December 13th, 1756.

Eight Benchers present.

p. 282.

§ Sir Robert Henley, Knight, Attorney General, is admitted to the late Lord Chief Justice Ryder's garrets at No. 21, Gatehouse Court, Stonepace Row, three stories high, on payment of £20.

Accounts of the Hon. Charles Yorke, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1756, to Jan. 23rd, 1757.

Receipts: £2,095 16s. 11d.

Payments: £1,981 2s. 1d. Including £6 for 12 large standard English elms; 15s. for 1 doz. "china" plates; £2 duty for 800 oz. of silver plate; £10 10s. to the Hon. M^r Serjeant Murray, and 2s. for a purse.

Balance: £114 14s. 10d.

* The occasion of the Feast was the "going out Serjeant" of the Hon. William Murray, Att. Gen., who had been appointed C.J.K.B. See *Dict. Nat. Biog. and Life*, by John Holliday of Lincoln's Inn, 1797.

† William Murray was created Baron Mansfield, Nov. 8th, 1756.—*Complete Peerage*. Either the day of the month is wrong, or else the title must have been used before the date of the Patent. Created Earl of Mansfield, 1776.

‡ Afterwards Chief Justice of Bengal.

§ Red Book III, p. 34.

1757. Officers for 1757 :

Master of the Library : Hon. Charles Yorke, Sol. Gen.

Treasurer : John Coxe, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : William Lambton, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : John Hammet, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Joseph Kirke, Esq.

- p.* 284. Council held on January 24th, 30 George II, 1757.
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bench :

Sir Robert Henley, Knight, Attorney General, and Edward Willes, Esq., K.C.

Call to the Bar :

- p.* 285. George Chad, John Burrows, George Colman and James Bensley.

- p.* 287. Call to the Bar, February 3rd, 1757 :
George Lewis Newnham and Thomas Ryder.

- p.* 290. Call to the Bench, February 25th, 1757 :
Charles Pratt, Esq., K.C.

- p.* 297. Council held on June 10th, 1757.
Eight Benchers present.

A Committee, appointed to examine the roof of the Chapel, report that the lead with which it is covered is very much out of repair ; they recommend that the lead be sold, and that the roof be covered with copper.

- p.* 300. Council held on June 21st, 1757.
Five Benchers present.

"Order'd that a sun dial be made and put up in a workmanlike manner at the west end of the Garden Row, by M^r Halfpenny and M^r Chambers, agreeable to the plan and estimate by them now produc'd, with the same motto inscrib'd in gold letters as on the old dial ; the whole expenses, excepting the smith's work, not to exceed the sum of £21 10s."

Call to the Bar :

- p.* 301. Hon. Robert Walpole, Samuel Salmon, Frederic Montagu, Edward Salusbury Jones, and Mathew Wilson.

Council held on July 14th, 1757.

p. 304.

Six Benchers present.

"Order'd that the Chappel be shut up on Monday next in order to the reparation of the roof, and that notice be given thereof next Sunday."

Council held on November 7th, 1757.

p. 307.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Chapel be opened for the performance of Divine Service on Sunday next; and that the Reverend M^r Stephens do officiate as Chaplain therein untill the next Council. p. 308.

"Ordered that the office of Chaplain of this Society being vacant by the death of the Rev. M^r Rawlins, a successor be appointed the last day of this term; and that the several petitions of the Rev. M^r Stephens, M^r Davis, M^r Pennicott, M^r Mills and M^r Reeves, be adjourned to the next Council; and that every other person who may apply to succeed the said M^r Rawlins, do make such application before the next Council."

The new Chaplain shall have an increase of £10 a year in his salary, and his board wages shall be 12s. a week.

Council held on November 17th, 1757.

p. 309.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that every future Reader of this Society shall perform his office personally and not by deputy, except for the space of two months in the Long Vacation, or on any extraordinary occasion with the consent of the Dean of the Chapel, or in his absence, the Treasurer, or, in the absence of both, the senior Master of the Bench who shall be then resident."

"Ordered that M^r Robertson and M^r Brooksbank be added to the number of candidates for the office of Reader, and that each of the candidates do perform Divine Service and preach in the Chapel before the day of election, and be desired to accept a gratuity of one guinea."

Council held on November 28th, 1757.

p. 310.

Nineteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that R^d Stephens, Clerk, M.A., being duly elected, be admitted Chaplain of this Society."

The Arms of the Lord Keeper [Sir Robert Henley], Lord Mansfield [William Murray, C. J. K. B.] and M^r Justice Noel, shall be placed in the Hall.

Accounts of John Coxe, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1757, to Jan. 23rd, 1758.

Receipts: £2,172 13s. 9d. Including £1 for the burial ground under the Chapel, for Jeremiah Nicholson, Esq.*

Payments: £1,350 8s. 9d. Including £10 10s. to M^r Serjeant [William] Noel, and 2s. for a purse; £2 duty for 800 oz. of silver plate; £2 2s. to the Earl of Tinley's† keeper, for three young fawns, as a present; £7 7s. to the several candidates for the Chaplain's place; £84 10s. for port and claret for the year; 19s. for 1 doz. of red port.

Balance: £822 5s. od.

1758. Officers for 1758 :

Treasurer : Charles Prat, Esq., Att. Gen.

Master of the Library : John Cox, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : Taylor White, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : Joseph Kirke, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Edward Poore, Esq.

p. 315. Council held on January 23rd, 31 George II, 1758.
Five Benchers present.

p. 316. Lord Chief Baron Ord's arms shall be put up in the Hall
with the others.‡

Call to the Bar, February 10th, 1758 : John Round.

p. 318. Council held on February 27th, 1758 :
Six Benchers present.

§ "Ordered that the chambers of John Parker, Esq., at his own desire, being at No. 20, three stories high, in Kitchen Garden Court and Field Gate Row, be seized for the use of this Society."

p. 320. Call to the Bar, May 3rd, 1758 : William Ambler, junior.

p. 322. Council held on May 30th, 1758 :
Nine Benchers present.

Call to the Bar : Richard Bagot.

"Ordered that Johnson do at the next Council deliver an account of the six senior Barristers from the last that refused being called to the Bench."

* There is no entry of this burial in the Register.

† *Sic.* No doubt a clerical error for Tylney.

‡ Robert Ord, adm. June 30th, 1718; bar Nov. 16th, 1724. The date of his appointment as Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer of Scotland appears to have been in Dec. 1755. See *Gents. Mag.*, vol. 25, p. 573, and *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

§ Red Book III, p. 49.

Council held on June 28th, 1758.
Twelve Benchers present.

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Call to the Bench :

Richard Spooner, Esq., Job Walden Hanmer, Esq., John Coxe, Esq., Theodore Johnson, Esq., Robert Salkeld, Esq., Owen Salusbury Brereton, Esq., Peter Holford, Esq., a Master of Chancery, Lewis Jones, Esq., an Associate of the Bench, and Second Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, Charles Ambler, Esq., and Sir Anthony Thomas Abdy, Baronet. p. 328.

Miles Harrison, Esq., George Wroughton, Esq., Nicholas Munckley, Esq., and Hugh Hayward, Esq., declined the invitation.

* "Ordered that the Treasurer do pay the sum of £30 by way of bounty towards defraying the expence of the new pavement in Serle's Street, between Lincoln's Inn Back Gate and Lincoln's Inn Feilds; and it is expressly declared that this Order shall no ways subject the Society to the repairs of such pavement for the time to come, or be looked on as admitting that the said Society is in any manner obliged to contribute towards the said expence."

Call to the Bar, November 6th, 1758: John Hyde.

p. 330.

Council held on December 12th, 1758.

p. 333.

Thirteen Benchers present.

The draft lease of Furnival's Inn is now approved of; it shall be delivered to the Principal to be engrossed and executed, together with a counterpart, at the expense of that Society. p. 334.

† "Upon the petition of John Roberts, setting forth that the petitioner hath several years rented a chamber, No. 3, in the New Square, called Serle's Coffee House, that the landlord, who is owner of the said Coffee Room, always pays the dues and duties to this Society in respect thereof, notwithstanding which, M^r Roberts hath been taxed at the rate of £40 a year to the poors and other taxes in and for the Liberty of the Rolls, which he has allwayes paid up to Lady Day last." Referred to a Committee.

Accounts of Charles Pratt, Esquire, Attorney General, from Jan. 23rd, 1758, to Jan. 23rd, 1759.

Receipts: £2,999 7s. 4d. Including £646 9s. for absent commons; £1 for the burial ground underneath the chapel of Mr. Robert Ashmall, deceased.*

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 304.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 305.

† Buried Sept. 7th.

Payments: £2,135 os. 1d. Including £6 10s. for 13 large elms, and £9 for 18 large English elms; £305 18s. to William Bigg and Son, carpenters; £18 18s. for Journals of the House of Commons, 23 vols., half bound, double lettered; £5 17s. 6d. to George Pengree for engraving plates of copper; £3 3s. 8d. to the gardener for flowers in the Hall, etc. (paid June 22nd); 1s. 6d. for 12 forms of prayer for the victory over the French on June 23rd last.*

1759. Officers for 1759:

Master of the Library: Charles Pratt, Esq., Att. Gen.

Treasurer: Edward Willes, Esq., K.C.

Dean of the Chapel: John Hammet, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Edward Poore, Esq.

Master of the Walks: James Morgan, Esq.

p. 338. Council held on May 2nd, 32 George II, 1759.
Nine Benchers present.

p. 339. "Upon the humble petition of Anthony Tracy, cook to this Society, setting forth that for these nine years last past provisions having been so exceeding dear that he has been a considerable loser in providing the commons, to the amount of £30 and upwards, that he is not able to furnish the said commons, unless relieved." Referred to a Committee.

p. 340. Council held on May 25th, 1759.
Fourteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bar: Thomas Heron and Daniel Lloyd.

† "Upon the petition of Charles Delaet, Esq., a Barrister of this Society, setting forth that he having two chambers in Kitchen Garden Court,‡ the one a ground chamber, and the other one pair of stairs over the same, that the building behind the said chambers, that serves as a dressing room or study to both the said chambers, is very ruinous, and in danger of falling, and other parts of the said chambers settled by the weight of the clock house and Library over them." To be viewed.

p. 342. Council held on June 27th, 1759.
Eight Benchers present.

* The Battle of Crefeld, or Crevelt.

† Red Book III, pp. 58, 59.

‡ No. 15. The study was ordered to be replastered and "the cornished work" painted.

Call to the Bar :

Thomas Needham, William Mainwaring and Herbert Mackworth.

"Ordered that a large and handsome reservoir of water be made in the ground formerly called the Benchers' Garden, and finished during the ensuing vacation."

Council held on July 18th, 1759.

p. 344.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that Mr. Attorney General,* Mr. Solicitor General,† p. 345.
and Mr. Coxe, late Treasurer's arms be put up in the Chappell in the usual manner."

Call to the Bar, November 6th, 1759 :
Jamineau Cheveley.

p. 346.

Council held on December 12th, 1759.

p. 348.

Eight Benchers present.

"Upon the report of Mr. Payler and Mr. Brereton made upon the petition of Henry Duffield, Clerk of the Chapell, It is ordered, in regard his profits have been considerably lessened by the late Marriage Act,‡ that 40s. a year for the future be added to his salary."

Accounts of Edward Willes, Esquire, the Treasurer, from January 23rd, 1759, to January 23rd, 1760.

Receipts: £2,396 4s. 7d. Including £1 for burial ground under the Chapel for William Travers, Esq., deceased ; § the like for Edmund Sawyer, Esq. ; || £50 from Stafford Squires, Principal of Furnival's Inn, a fine for a new lease for 61 years from Michaelmas, 1756.

Payments: £1,968 18s. 10d. Including £10 10s. and 1s. 6d. for a purse for Anthony Keck, Esq., going out Serjeant ; £213 11s. to George Pengree, the "copperman," for covering the Chapel with copper ; 2s. for cleaning the Kitchen Garden well ; 14s. for 24 forms of prayer for the General Fast on Feb. 16th, and ditto for the Thanksgiving on Sunday, Feb. 18th ; ¶ 9s. for

* Charles Pratt.

† Hon. Charles Yorke.

‡ An Act for the better preventing of Clandestine Marriages, 26 Geo. II, cap. 33. This Act had the effect of restricting marriages to parish churches or parochial chapels, except by special license. Commonly called "Lord Hardwicke's Act."

§ A member of the Society ; buried Feb. 4th.

|| Buried Oct. 17th.

¶ Perhaps for the taking of Goree in December, 1758, by Commodore Keppel.

forms of prayers and thanksgiving the 29th inst. [Nov.] on taking of Quebec * ; 1s. for form of prayer on Admiral Hawke's defeating the French fleet.†

Balance : £427 5s. 9d.

1760. Officers for 1760 :

Master of the Library : Edward Willes, Esq., K.C.

Treasurer : Robert Harper, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel : Joseph Kirke, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : James Morgan, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Thomas Payler, Esq.‡

p. 349.

Council held on January 23rd, 33 George II, 1760.

Eight Benchers present.

“§ Upon the humble petition of Thomas|| Roberts of Serle's Coffee House, setting forth that having agreed for a lease of the ground chambers, No. 3, in Serle's Court, on the right hand of the Gate leading into the said Court from Carey Street, on the east side of the Court, being the chambers on the left hand up the stone steps, with the rooms under them thereunto belonging, late in the tenure or occupation of his Honour, the Master of the Rolls,¶ and praying to have the said chambers converted into a Coffee House—It is ordered that the said Mr. Roberts be at liberty to use the said chambers as a Coffee House, for the better accomodations of the gentlemen of this Society.”

Council held on February 12th, 1760.

Ten Benchers present.

** “Ordered that the sum of £495 6s. 5½d., the amount of the bills of the severall workmen employed in repairing the pavement, iron-rails and area walls in Lincoln's Inn New Square, be paid by the owners and proprietors of chambers in the said Square in the several proportions following.” [A list follows of the proprietors of the chambers in Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive, with the amounts assessed upon them.]

* The Battle of the Heights of Abraham took place on Sept. 12th and 13th ; Quebec surrendered on the 18th.

† At Quiberon, on Nov. 20th.

‡ Called to the Bench in 1751, as Thomas Turner junior ; see *ante*, p. 347. Burke (*Extinct Baronetcies*, 404,) says that he assumed the surname of Payler sometime after the death of Sir Watkinson Payler of Thoraby, co. York.

§ Serle's Court Book, I, 307.

|| Called *John* ; *ante*, p. 365.

¶ Sir Thomas Clarke, appointed 1754.

** Serle's Court Book, I, p. 308.

Call to the Bar, June 20th, 1760 :

p. 355.

Rogers Holland, Joseph Clarkson, and Thomas Falconer.

Also Polydore Plumtre; on his humble petition, "setting forth that being lately come into the possession of the office of Clerk of the Pleas of his Majestie's Court of Exchequer in the Kingdom of Ireland under a grant by Letters Patent from his late Majesty, King George, and praying to be called to the Barr this term, tho' without any view or design of practising as a Barrister at Law." He must pay five years' duties, and deposit £20 in lieu of a chamber.*

Council held on July 9th, 1760.

p. 357.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Bigg, the carpinter, do mend the beam in the Chapel Staircase, according to the proposell now made, with proper iron work; and that the said staircase be ornamented with a Tuscan block cornish; and that the Benchers' and Ladies' seats in the Chapel be new lined, and all the seats new varnished."

p. 358.

Council held on November 6th, 1 George III, 1760.

p. 359.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Treasurer give orders for a velvet purple-coloured covering for the Communion Table, with a gold fringe, and a gloria, and two velvet cushions for the said table, a cushion for the Pulpit and a vallan† for the Reader's Desk, in like manner as the old, together with other necessarys for that purpose."

"Ordered that the Grand Day for this present Michaelmas Term, and every succeeding Michaelmas Term, be kept and celebrated on the second Thursday in each of the said Michaelmas Terms."

Accounts of Robert Harper, senior, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1760, to Jan. 23rd, 1761.

Receipts: £2,400 17s. 10d.

Payments: £1,932 14s. 2d. Including £31 to the Bishop of Gloucester,† his salary for Hilary Term; £2 2s. for 12 cut glasses, at 3s. 6d. each; £63 to Thomas Gilpin for 6 silver candlesticks and sockets; 8s. 6d. for moving things out of the Chapel in order for being white-washed and painted; £2 10s. duty for 1,000 ounces of silver plate; £499 10s. for £600 consolidated 3 per cent. Bank Annuities at 83¼; £2 2s. 6d. for cutting the trees in the Garden "fann-fashion."

Balance: £468 3s. 8d.

* Adm. June 6th, 1760.

† Valance.

‡ D^r Warburton, the Preacher, was so consecrated, Jan. 20th, 1760

1761. Officers for 1761 :

Master of the Library : Robert Harper, Esq.
 Treasurer : John Pollen, Esq.
 Dean of the Chapel : Edward Poore, Esq.
 Keeper of the Black Book : Thomas Payler, Esq.
 Master of the Walks : John Probyn, Esq.

p. 363. Council held on January 23rd, 1 George III, 1761.
 Twelve Benchers present.

p. 364. "Levet Blackborne, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench of this Society, having communicated a letter from the Right Rev^d William, Lord Bishop of Gloucester, purporting his intention to resign the Preachership at the end of this term, this Council desire the said M^r Blackborne to return his Lordship the thanks of this Society for his past services, and that they accept of his resignation."

"Ordered that no person be permitted to preach as a candidate to this Society, but such as is recommended by two of the Masters of the Bench to the Dean of the Chappell, or in his absence to the Treasurer, or in the absence of the present Treasurer to M^r Harper, the late Treasurer; and that no candidate be admitted to preach till after this term; and that the Masters of the Bench proceed to the election of a Preacher the first day of next term."

"Ordered that the arms of the present Lord Chancellor, in the Hall of this Society, be altered by adding his new titles, the coronet, and supporters." *

p. 366. Council held on February 12th, 1761.
 Ten Benchers present.

p. 367. Report of a Committee on the duties, etc., of the Preacher.
 Reciting the appointment of the Rev. John Tillotson, November 26th, 1663,[†] and the conditions then laid down; and reciting that D^r Tillotson's successors in the office of Preacher, namely, M^r Maynard, M^r Gastrell (afterwards Bishop of Chester), D^r Lupton, M^r Herring (afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury), and M^r Crank, were all appointed on the same terms; and reciting that on the election of M^r Watts, who succeeded M^r Crank, the duties of the Preacher as to preaching on Sunday afternoons were altered, by an Order made on July 3rd, 1738;[‡]

* Sir Robert Henley, Att. Gen., was appointed Lord Keeper, June 30th, 1757; created Baron Henley, March 27th, 1760; appointed Lord Chancellor, Jan. 16th, 1761; created Earl of Northington, May 19th, 1764.

[†] See *ante*, p. 34.

[‡] See *ante*, p. 316.

"We are of opinion that the same rules and orders should be laid down, pursued and observed upon any future election of a Preacher to this Society, and that no further alteration should be made therein, except with regard to the exhibition and allowance of £124 a year, which we apprehend should properly commence and have equal duration with the service and duty of the Preacher, and that the same should take place from the time of his being thereto appointed, and to be paid by quarterly payments, untill his removal, resignation, or death;" payment to commence three calendar months from the date of the appointment, and to be *p.* 368. apportioned up to the day of removal, resignation, or death.

Ordered that the new Preacher shall be elected on the terms and with the alterations above set out; he shall have two calendar months' leave of absence in the Long Vacation, but must find an able preacher to take his duties while he is away.

"Ordered that the Dean of the Chappel, or in his absence, the two senior Masters of the Bench now present, shall appoint a person to preach every Sunday during this Vacation, when any candidate is not appointed to preach."

Council held on February 25th, 1761.

p. 369.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Treasurer of this Society do give his consent for incorporating the Trustees named in the will and settlement of the late Christopher Tancerd [*sic*], Esq., deceased, and for the purposes mentioned in the Bill."*

Council held on April 8th, 1761.

p. 370.

Nineteen Benchers present.

The workmen's bills amount to £1,041 4s. 7d.; sufficient of the 3 per cent. Bank Annuities shall be sold to pay them.

"The Reverend Doctor Thomas Ashton being this day *p.* 371. unanimously elected Preacher of this Society in the place of the Right Rev. William [Warburton], Lord Bishop of Gloucester, who resigned his Preachership of this Society—It is ordered thereupon and declared that the said Doctor Ashton be and is Preacher of this Society, and that he have the same exhibition, allowances and chambers as the said Bishop of Gloucester had when he was elected Preacher,† and that the same duty and

* There had been a lawsuit over the will, in which the trustees succeeded in establishing the trust on Nov. 8th, 1757. A private Act of Parliament, 2 George III, cap. 15, was subsequently passed, by which the trustees were incorporated, and were authorised to make rules concerning the charity.—*Dict. Nat. Biog.*

† See *ante*, p. 337.

attendance is expected from the said Doctor Ashton as is expressed in the Order of the 12th of February last, relating to the Preacher;* and Mr. Attorney General† is hereby desired to acquaint the said Doctor Ashton therewith."

p. 372. Call to the Bar, April 17th, 1761:
Hans Winthorpe Mortimer and Thomas Griffin.

p. 373. Call to the Bar, April 27th, 1761: Robert Thorpe.

Council held on May 4th, 1761.

Five Benchers present.

† "Ordered that the chambers one story high, up the Chappel steps, late of M^r John Hope, deceased, and now in the disposition of the House, be appropriated to the use of the Rev. M^r Stephens, Reader to this Society, during the time of his continuing Reader and that he shall personally inhabit the same, in lieu of and in stead of the other chambers which he is now permitted to hold and enjoy."

p. 375. Council held on June 8th, 1761.
Eleven Benchers present.

Call to the Bar:

Marmaduke Constable, James Wallace and Samuel Short, junior.

"Ordered that the Order dated the 8th of May, 1754, be reversed; and that the Order dated the 28th of November, 1737, be and stand revived, but without prejudice to Charles Ambler, Esq., he being at this time one of his Majesty's Council, and one of the Masters of the Bench of this Society." §

p. 377. Council held on June 24th, 1761.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that new iron rails be put up at the foot of the Chapel steps, before the Buttery windows, in the room of the old wooden rails."

p. 382. Call to the Bar, December 11th, 1761:
Lionel Place, who has been admitted nearly 20 years, and

* See *ante*, p. 370.

† Sir Charles Pratt, appointed June, 1757.

‡ Red Book III, p. 68.

§ See *ante*, pp. 314, 356. The Orders related to the precedence of King's Counsel.

performed all his exercises, and has been a member of Furnival's Inn 12 years; he must waive his first admission, and take his standing as from five years before his Call.*

Accounts of John Pollen, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1761, to Jan. 23rd, 1762.

Receipts: £3,334 7s. 4d. Including £25 for a year's rent of the ground chambers at No. 23, late of Thomas Kyffine, Esq., deceased; £1,140 15s. by the sale of £1,300 3 per cent. Bank Annuities at 87 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Payments: £2,519 6s. 5d. Including £87 15s. for £100 Consolidated 3 per cent. Bank Annuities, at 87 $\frac{3}{4}$; 1s. for form of prayers on the surrender of Pondicherry,† Bellisle,‡ Dominica,§ and late success in Germany.||

Balance: £815 os. 11d.

Officers for 1762 :

1762.

Master of the Library : John Pollen, Esq.

Treasurer : Charles Ambler, Esq., K.C.

Dean of the Chapel : James Morgan, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : John Probyn, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Robert Holden, Esq.

Call to the Bar, February 1st, 2 George III, 1762 :
Barnard Foord.

p. 384.

Council held on February 12th, 1762.
Eight Benchers present.

p. 385.

Call to the Bench :

John Richmond Webb, Esq., K.C.

"Ordered that M^r Stevens ¶ have liberty to let his chambers, p. 387.
so as he let the same to a member of this Society."

Council held on February 26th, 1762.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that when any Master or other member of this Society is presented to the Coif, he shall be received in the Council Chamber by the Masters of the Bench the morning he takes his leave of this Society, and no person to come into the Hall without p. 389.

* Also p. 384.

† Surrendered June 15th, 1761.

‡ Surrendered June 7th, 1761.

§ Taken June 7th, 1761.

¶ At Filingshausen, July 15th and 16th.

¶ Apparently the Chaplain; see *ante*. p. 372.

having their gowns on, as hath been accustomed. And this Order to be screened."

p. 391. Call to the Bar, May 5th, 1762:

Joseph Reade, junior, on his petition "setting forth that he is desirous of being called to the Bar this term, having kept commons, performed all his exercises, and conformed himself to the Rules of this Society, wanting two terms of his full standing, that he is a native of New Yorke in North America, and that it is necessary for him to go thither immediately, which he intends to do, and reside there." He must pay five years' duties.

Council held on May 24th, 1762.
Fourteen Benchers present.

p. 392. Call to the Bar:

Anthony Dawson; admitted upwards of fourteen years ago; he must waive his first admission, and take his standing as of five years before his Call.*

p. 393. "Ordered that Mr Harper and Mr Probyn be desired to meet the other Inns of Court to settle the Rules and Regulations of gentlemen being called to the Barr; and that they make their report the last day of next term."

p. 395. Call to the Bar, June 21st, 1762:
John Brettell, Paul Methuen and Arthur Murphy.

Council held on June 30th, 1762.
Seven Benchers present.

"Proposals, June 18th, 1762.

"That the standing for the Barr be five years from admission; none to be called under the age of 21 years; that 12 terms' commons be actually kept; that Masters of Arts and Batchelors of Laws of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge be dispensed with two years' standing, but not with any commons; no exceptions with regard to Ireland or the West Indies; no Attorney or Sollicitor, Clark in Chancery or Exchequer, to be called till they have discontinued practising as such for two years.

J. ORLEBAR.	ROB ^T . HARPER.
JN ^O . PROBYN.	R. CLAYTON.
RIC ^D . MORLEY.	P. DAVALL.
JAMES BURROW.	SAM ^L . WEGG."†

* Also p. 396.

† A joint Committee of two Benchers from each Inn of Court. Harper and Probyn were of Lincoln's Inn; John Orlebar and Peter Davall were of the Middle Temple; James Burrow and Richard Clayton were of the Inner Temple; Richard Morley and Samuel Wegg of Gray's Inn.

“Upon the Report of M^r Probyn and M^r Harper, who by *p.* 397. Order of Council of the 24th of May last were appointed to meet the gentlemen from the several Societies of the Inner Temple, Middle Temple and Gray's Inn, in order to consider of certain Rules to be observed concerning the qualification of persons to be called to the Barr, reported that they had met and conferred with the gentlemen appointed by the said Societies for that purpose, and that proposals being offered on that subject and reduced into writing, were approved of, and signed by all the gentlemen present, as containing regulations proper to be observed and practised by all the Inns of Court.

“Now having perused and considered of the said proposals, and in approbation and conformity to the same, It is ordered that for the future” the rules set out above shall be observed in this Inn.*

Thanks are returned to M^r Probyn and M^r Harper for their *p.* 398. great care and trouble in the matter.

Council held on July 14th, 1762.

p. 399.

Seven Benchers present.

The Benchers' seats in the Chapel are to be made broader *p.* 401. and lower.

“Ordered that the clock be repaired, and the three dial plates be new painted and gault, and the clock to be put in good order.”

Council held on November 6th, 1762.

p. 402.

Seven Benchers present.

Regulations for Dinners :—

EASTER TERM.

Sunday.	Roast beef, etc., and plum pudding.
Monday.	A neck of mutton, boiled, proper roots, and roast fowl.
Tuesday.	Neck or breast of veal, roasted, 100 asparagus.
Wednesday.	Fresh fish and shoulder of mutton.
Thursday.	Roast beef, plum pudding or gooseberry pie.
Friday.	Fresh fish, and loin of mutton, roasted, etc.
Saturday.	Boiled leg of lamb and roasted tongue.

* The rules are here repeated, with some trifling verbal differences, *e.g.*, “plantations” instead of “West Indies.”

TRINITY TERM.

Sunday.	Roast beef, cucumbers, gooseberry pie and basin of cream.
Monday.	Beans and bacon, neck of mutton roasted.
Tuesday.	Neck or breast of veal, roasted, a dish of peas.
Wednesday.	Boiled fowl, bacon, etc., shoulder of mutton, roasted.
Thursday.	Roast beef, etc., dish of peas or fruit pie.
Friday.	Fresh fish, loin of mutton, roasted.
Saturday.	Boiled leg of lamb, and roast tongue.

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MICHAELMAS TERM.

Sunday.	Roast beef, etc., plum pudding.
Monday.	Boiled leg of country pork, and roast fowl.
Tuesday.	Boiled fowl, etc., and roast shoulder of mutton.
Wednesday.	Soup and bouilli, and neck or breast of veal.
Thursday.	Roast beef, etc., hot apple pie.
Friday.	Oysters as usual, fresh fish, loin of mutton, roasted.
Saturday.	Boiled tongue and roast fowl.

HILARY TERM.

The same as Michaelmas Term.

Council held on November 29th, 1762.

Five Benchers present.

p. 405. [The Orders of the Inner Temple, Middle Temple and Gray's Inn, as to the new Rules for Call to the Bar, are set out in full.]

p. 407. "Ordered that there be no more bonfires made in the street or gates of this Society on any account whatsoever, and that this Order be delivered to the Chief Porter of this Society."

Accounts of Charles Ambler, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1762, to Jan. 23rd, 1763.

Receipts: £2,641 6s. 10d.

Payments: £2,189 12s. 5d. Including £10 10s. and 2s. for a purse to Charles Pratt, Esq., Serjeant at Law; * £2 1s. 6d. for 3 large, high, elms; £436 10s. for £600 Consolidated 3 per cent. Annuities at 72½; 6d. for "form of prayers of delivery of Queen of a Prince" †; 6d. for prayers on taking the Island of Cuba; ‡ £7 5s. for 8 soup dishes and 3 doz. soup plates.

Balance: £451 14s. 5d.

* Appointed C.J.C.P., Jan. 23rd, 1762, on the death of Sir John Willes.

† Born Aug. 12th, 1762; afterwards George IV.

‡ Havannah surrendered on August 13th.

Officers for 1763 :

1763.

Treasurer : William Lambton, Esq.

Master of the Library : Charles Ambler, Esq., K.C.

Dean of the Chapel : Thomas Payler, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book : Robert Holden, Esq.

Master of the Walks : Arthur Jones, Esq.

Call to the Bar, February 8th, 3 George III, 1763 :
Samuel Burroughs Phipps.

p. 411.

Council held on February 25th, 1753.

p. 412.

Ten Benchers present.

George Hall, the Second Butler and Library Keeper, complains that the gentlemen refuse to pay his Roll, as usual. He prays for a yearly allowance. p. 414.

Council held on April 20th, 1763.

p. 415.

Five Benchers present.

"The Rev. Doctor Ashton, Preacher to this Society, having sent a letter to the Treasurer, which said letter has been read at this Council, setting forth that the late severe stroke with which it has pleased God to visit him, has left him in an utter incapacity of performing his duty—It is ordered that Mr Treasurer be desired to write to the said Doctor to acquaint him that this Council is very sorry to hear of his indisposition, and heartily hope to hear of his speedy and perfect recovery; and that in the meantime, and till he can in person attend, he will give directions for appointing a Preacher as usual."*

Council held on May 16th, 1763.

p. 416.

Six Benchers present.

Report on the petition of George Hall :—

p. 417.

"Wee find that the attendance of the said George Hall is from 9 in the morning till one, every day in the year, and also, in the summer time, from four till seven in the afternoon, and that he has an allowance of 12s. a year for cleaning the Library, and 4s. a year for mops and brooms.

"Wee also find that it has been the constant method for a great many years past to appoint the same person Library Keeper and Second Butler.

"Wee also find that the said George Hall was appointed to

* The illness to which he refers was palsy, see *Dict. Nat. Biog.* He died March 1st, 1775.

these offices about eighteen years agoe, and that he has a salary from the House of £8 a year as second Butler, commons in the Term time, and an allowance of 5s. a week *communibus annis*, which amounts to about £10 a year; that he has 6s. 4d. upon the admittance of every member, which *communibus annis* amounts to about £6 13s. 4d. a year; and that he is entitled to 10s. for [?from] every gentleman upon his being called to the Barr, which *communibus annis* amounts to about £3 a year.

"Wee find that it has been usual for every member residing in the Society to pay 6d. a term to the Under Library Keeper's Roll, and 1s. a year to the Second Butler's Roll.

"Wee find that the Petitioner has received on account of the said Rolls for the last year about £10, and that he never received in one year above £14; and that if he was to receive from every member residing in the Society, it would amount to upwards of £30 a year.

"Wee find that an Order of Council was made on the 28th of May, 1750, for every member residing in the Society to pay 6d. a term to the Under Library Keeper, pursuant to former Orders.*

"Wee are of opinion that it will be proper for the Bench to support their Orders, and to enforce payment of the said Rolls, by refusing to grant any favour to such of the resident members who have neglected to pay to the said Rolls, by calling them to the Bar, compounding their commons, or in any other way, till they have discharged the arrears of those Rolls; and to make an Order for that purpose."

p. 418. Ordered that, in consideration of the long, diligent, and faithful services of the said George Hall, his salary be increased to £16 a year, without prejudice to his other emoluments.

"Ordered that M^r Johnson do in the name of this Society subscribe £50 to the Roll for opening the Devill's Gapp in Great Queen's Street." †

Council held on June 3rd, 1763.

Ten Benchers present.

p. 419.

Call to the Bench :

Alexander Wedderburn, Esq., K.C.

"Ordered that M^r Johnson do wait upon the Under Treasurer of Gray's Inn for a copy of the Orders relating to the tenure by

* See *ante*, p. 346.

† The western entrance into Great Queen Street was by a narrow passage under a house, familiarly known as "The Devil's Gap," or "Hell Gate." It was taken down in January, 1765.—Wheatley and Cunningham.

which their several chambers are held ; and if any difficulty arises in obtaining the said copies, that an application be made to the Bench of the said Society of Gray's Inn ; and that M^r Johnson do pay for such copies."

"Ordered that M^r Johnson do wait upon the several other Society's, and desire copies of the several forms of the Bonds entered into by gentlemen upon their admission into those respective Society's."

* Alexander Wedderburn, Esq., K.C., is admitted into a whole chamber, three stories high, No. 20, Kitchen Garden Court, Field Gate Row; fine £20.

Council held on June 22nd, 1763.

p. 420.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Johnson do, on or before the first day of next term, prepare an account of all the moneys which have annually arose by the falling in of chambers for ten years last past, distinguishing how much money arose in each year; and also that he at the same time lay before this Board an estimate of what each ground floor, one pair of stairs, in each of the several staircases in the Old Buildings, might be annually lett to a tenant."

A Committee is appointed to consider the bonds taken on admission by the other three Inns of Court, and to prepare one or more drafts of bonds for the use of this Society.

Council held on July 6th, 1763.

p. 422.

Eight Benchers present.

† "It appearing to this Council that the stacks of chimneys between the staircases No. 4 and 5 in the New Square, are in a very ruinous and dangerous condition, and that the several proprietors of chambers in the said staircases ought to repair the said chimneys. It is ordered that such several proprietors be requested forthwith to repair such chimneys. . . ."

Call to the Bar, November 22nd, 1763: Edward King. p. 424.

Accounts of William Lambton, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1763, to Jan. 23rd, 1764.

Receipts: £1,966 1s. 11d. Including £4 from Peter Basford, Esq., Principal of Thavies Inn, for a year's rent, less tax.

Payments: £1,806 17s. 11d. Including 1s. 8d. for a bottle of Lisbon from the tavern; 8s. for 24 forms of prayer for the General Thanksgiving, the 5th inst. [May], upon the conclusion

* Red Book III, p. 84.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 317.

of the peace *; £13 for turning and gravelling the Terrace Walk, turning Bird Cage Walk, and gravelling the walk next Chancery Lane, with drift; £14 4s. for 71 loads of gravel for the Terrace Walk, and £3 1s. for road drift for the other walk; £2 10s. for silver plate duty on 1,000 oz.; 4s. for the coat of arms from York and portorage †; 1s. for forms of prayer and thanksgiving on the birth of a prince ‡; £16 5s. 6d. to William Peckitt, glass stainer at York, for 6 Treasurer's arms in the Chapel.

Balance: £159 4s. od.

1764. Officers for 1764:

Master of the Library: William Lambton, Esq.

Treasurer: Taylor White, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: John Probyn, Esq.

Black Book Keeper: Arthur Jones, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Henry Gapper, Esq.

p. 427. Council held on January 23rd, 4 George III, 1764.
Eight Benchers present.

p. 428. "Ordered that notice in writing be put up in the Hall on the first day of Hilary Term annually for ever, of the name of such person, being one of the four law students, as shall be appointed to make a speech and oration in Latin in the publick Dining Hall of this Society, in perpetual remembrance and commemoration of the several donations and charities made, founded and established by the will of Christopher Tancred, Esq.; in which notice shall be appointed the day and hour on which such speech or oration shall be made."

p. 429. "Ordered that no Order of this Society shall be reversed or any election gone upon at any other time than the first and last days of every term, unless notice in writing be given to every member [of the Bench] § resident in town, one whole day at least before such Council shall be held; and declare this Order to be a Standing Order of the Society."

Council held on February 13th, 1764.

Ten Benchers present.

|| "It being reported to the Council that the great gate at Serle's Court Gate is so extremely old and decayed that the same is incapable of amendment; and it being necessary that a pair of new gates should be forthwith made, and that the expence

* The Peace of Paris was signed on Feb. 10th. † See below.

‡ Frederick Augustus, Duke of York and Albany, born Aug. 16th.

§ See *post*, May 9th.

|| Serle's Court Book, I, p. 321.

thereof ought to be defrayed by the owners of chambers in the New Square—It is ordered that 5s. be paid by the owners of each chamber in Serle's Square towards the making of a new pair of gates. And it is further ordered that M^r Johnson, the Steward of this Society, do collect such 5s. each from the owners or the occupiers of the said chambers for the purpose aforesaid."

Council held on May 9th, 1764.

p. 433.

Nineteen Benchers present.

"Declare that the office of Chief Butler of this Society is now vacant by the death of Joseph Johnson.* It is ordered that Tuesday next be appointed for the election of a Chief Butler in his room. It is further ordered that notice be given to every Bencher in town of such day of election, one day before the day appointed for such election."†

Council held on May 15th, 1764.

p. 435.

Twenty two Benchers present.

Francis Rhodes, Chief Butler's Assistant and Wash Pot, is appointed Chief Butler. He must give a bond, himself in £400, and two sureties in £100 each.

Call to the Bar:

Joshua Cotton, being of full standing and having kept twelve terms commons and performed all exercises, first paying all his arrears and duties; to be published at the next exercise.‡

Call to the Bar, May 29th, 1764:

p. 436.

George Wingfield, John Lewis, and Hugh Vernon. §

Council held on June 22nd, 1764.

p. 438.

Fifteen Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

Sir Fletcher Norton, Attorney General.||

He is admitted to the garrets, three stories high, No. 21, Gate House Court, Stone Pace Row; fine £20.¶

Thomas Grint is appointed Steward's Man, vacant by the election of M^r Rhodes as Chief Butler. p. 439.

* Buried April 29th.

† See *ante*, p. 380.

‡ This is now the common form.

§ *Sic*; should be William Hughes Vernon.

|| Appointed Dec. 16th, 1763, on the resignation of the Hon. Charles Yorke; admitted at L.I., May 15th, 1764.

¶ Red Book III, p. 89.

- p. 440. Council held on July 11th, 1764.
Seven Benchers present.
- p. 441. "Ordered that the bell be rung from Lady Day to Michaelmas as six of the clock in the morning, and from Michaelmas to Lady Day at seven of the clock in the morning."
"Ordered that M^r Rhodes do pay out of the Society's money £50 into M^r Child the Banker's hands, to the account of the Devil's Gap." *

Accounts of Taylor White, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1764, to Jan. 23rd, 1765.

Receipts: £2,161 1s. 1d. Including £652 6s 8d. for chamber fines; £1 for burial ground under the Chapel for Thomas Heaton, deceased; £2 10s. from the undertaker of Francis Capper, Esq., deceased,† for the said M^r Capper being buried in linen under the Chapel; £8 from M^r Leigh, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent; £90 for a year's dividend on £3,000 3 per cent. Consolidated Bank Annuities.

Payments: £1,647 6s. 8d. Including £1 15s. for a horn for the Pannierman; £6 for trees planted in the Base Court.

Balance: £513 14s. 5d.

1765. Officers for 1765:

Treasurer: Sir Fletcher Norton, Knight, Att. Gen.

Master of the Library: Taylor White, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Robert Holden, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Henry Gapper, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Levett Blackbourne, Esq.

- p. 447. Council held on January 23rd, 5 George III, 1765.
Six Benchers present.

- p. 448. Upon the petition of Thomas Grint, Assistant Steward, stating that the salary, profits and perquisites arising from his place amount to no more than £22 a year, "and is much less profitable than any other office or employment belonging to this Society"—Ordered that £8 a year be added to his salary.

"Ordered that the Treasurer or Steward‡ do give M^r Hall, the second Butler, 15 guineas, in consideration of his long services and infirmities."

* See *ante*, p. 378.

† A Master of the Bench; buried March 3rd.

‡ The office of Steward had been formally abolished, (*ante*, p. 340), but the name was sometimes given to the Chief Butler (*ante*, p. 360).

Call to the Bar, February 9th, 1765: Daniel Newman.* *p.* 449.

Council held on February 12th, 1765.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that no person shall be capable of being a Bencher *p.* 450. of this Society unless he shall have been a member thereof full seven years after he hath been a Barrister; but this Order is not to extend to his Majestie's Attorney and Sollicitor General; and declare this to be the Standing Order of the House."

"Nele Ashby, one of the Fellows of this Society, being the owner of chambers, No. 9, in Garden Court in Garden Row, one story high, petitioned this Council that he might be at liberty to leave said chamber to M^r John Holiday, one of the Fellows of the Society. Which petition was unanimously rejected on account of the dangerous state of health of the said M^r Ashby." †

"Ordered that for the future all questions relating to the election of Preacher, Chaplain, or any of the officers or servants of this Society shall be determined by ballotte; and such ballotting shall be by bitts of paper whereon the name of every candidate shall be wrote and delivered to each Bencher, who shall put or deliver such ballotte of the person which he ballotts for to the Chairman of the Counsel, in order to be cast up or numbered; and this declared to be a Standing Order."

"Ordered that for the future three Masters of the Bench shall be sufficient to make a Counsel for calling any gentleman to the Barr, but for no other purpose."

Council held on February 26th, 1765.

p. 451.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Wilbraham be desired to return M^r Baron [John Tracy] Atkyns the thanks of this Society for his present of his Reports to the public Library."

"Ordered that M^r Rhodes, the Chief Butler, do pay to the Commissioners of the Common Sewers, or their Collector or Clerk, the sum of £37 10s., charged on this Society for cleansing repairing and amending the common sewer in Chancery Lane and other sewers running into the same. Rated at £1,000."

Call to the Bar, May 13th, 1765:
John Galley and James Pinnock.

p. 453.

* Adm. Feb. 8th, 1765; probably he had kept his terms at another Inn.

† He was buried under the Chapel on Feb. 21st.

p. 454.

Council held on May 20th, 1765.

Fifteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Reverend D^r Ashton, as Preacher of this Society, be acquainted by the Treasurer thereof that [it] is the resolution of the Masters of the Bench of this Society to declare his office of Preachership vacant the last day of next term, unless in the mean time he shews sufficient reason to the contrary."*

p. 455.

Council held on June 7th, 1765.

Eleven Benchers present.

"D^r Ashton having by letter to the Treasurer of this Society signified that he has resigned the Preachership of this Society, to take place the 26th day of this instant June—It is hereby declared that the said Preachership be declared vacant from the said 26th of this instant June. And it is ordered that from that time the Dean of the Chappel, or, in his absence, the two senior Masters of the Bench present in the Society, do appoint a proper person to preach every Sunday next vacation, except at such times when a candidate is to preach."

p. 456.

"Ordered that M^r Rhodes do pay out of the Society's money 50 guineas into M^r Child the Banker's hands, towards paving Great Queen Street, Long Acre, and S^t Martin's Lane."

Call to the Bar, June 22nd, 1765: Philip Fonnereau.

p. 458.

Council held on July 10th, 1765.

Nine Benchers present.

p. 460.

"Ordered that M^r Holney do make a report of the expence of altering the kitchen chimney to make it proper to burn sea-coal; and that the smith make an estimate of the iron-work necessary for the same purpose."

p. 461.

Council held on November 6th, 1765.

Fifteen Benchers present.

p. 462.

The Reverend M^r Richard Hurd, B.D., being this day unanimously elected Preacher of this Society in the place of D^r Thomas Ashton, who resigned his Preachership—It is ordered thereupon and declared that the said M^r Hurd be and is Preacher of this Society, and that he have the same exhibition, allowance and chambers as the said M^r Ashton had when he was elected Preacher,† and that the same duty and attendance is expected from

* See *ante*, p. 377.

† See *ante*, p. 371.

the said M^r Hurd; and that the Honourable M^r Attorney General is hereby desired to acquaint M^r Hurd therewith." *

"Ordered that M^r Rhodes do pay to the Rev. M^r Penn 25 guineas for his preaching during the last vacation."

"Ordered that the two uppermost seats, one on the right *p.* 463. hand and the other on the left hand of the Communion Table in the Chappel, be reserved for the Ladies of the Benchers of this Society and their Familys; and also ordered that the three other seats above the step on each side be reserved for the Ladies of Barristers and Gentlemen belonging to this Society."

Call to the Bar, November 23rd, 1765: John Edwards. *p.* 464.

Council held on November 28th, 1765. *p.* 465.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that one of the keys of the Garden Gate be *p.* 467. delivered for the use of the Commissioners of the Stamp Office."

"Ordered that M^r Rhodes do apply to the Trustees of Lincoln's Inn Fields, at their next meeting at Lincoln's Inn, to desire that keys of the said Fields may be delivered to him for the use of the Benchers of this Society."

Accounts of Sir Fletcher Norton, Knight, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1765, to Jan. 23rd, 1766.

Receipts: £2,684 19s. 2d. Including £1 for the burial of Neale Ashby under the Chapel; £7 10s. from M^r Reeve, for a quarter's rent for the chambers up the Library stair case, late D^r Ashton's; £17 15s. from the owners of chambers in Serle's Court, towards making new gates into Carey Street.

Payments: £2,013 1s. 4d. Including £37 10s. to the Clerk of Common Shores,† a tax levied on the Society; £10 10s. and 2s. 6d. for a purse to M^r Serjeant [Richard] Aston, going out Serjeant‡; 15s. for 3 hot water plates; £1 7s. for 14 china sauce boats for the Bench Table; £26 5s. to M^r Penn for preaching in the Long Vacation; 1s. 8d. for a bottle of Lisbon at the Adjourned Council, Dec. 11th.

Balance: £671 17s. 10d.

* The Hon. Charles Yorke, appointed Sept. 17th, 1765, on the resignation of Fletcher Norton.

† Sewers; see *ante*, p. 383.

‡ He resigned the office of C.J.C.P. Ireland (to which he was appointed in 1761) and was made one of the Judges of the King's Bench, April 19th, 1765.

1766. Officers for 1766:

Treasurer: Edward Poore, Esq.

Master of the Library: Sir Fletcher Norton, Knight.

Dean of the Chapel: Arthur Jones, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Levet Blackbourne, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Richard Spooner, Esq.

p. 470. Call to the Bar, February 8th, 6 George III, 1766:
John Claxton.

p. 474. Council held on April 16th, 1766.
Seven Benchers present.

p. 475. "Ordered that M^r Gilpin's bill for 4 doz. of silver hafted knives and 4 doz. of silver forks, amounted to £88 2s. 3d., be paid."

"Ordered that for the future when any chambers are screened as being to be sold by the House, the price set upon them on view by the Masters shall be added to the notice, and that any member of the Society shall have liberty to offer a larger price at any time within seven days from the time of the chambers being so screened; and if no one offers more, the senior person petitioning to have the chambers at the price set by the Masters, shall have the same."

Council held on May 12th, 1766.

Eight Benchers present.

p. 477. "Ordered that the arms of Lord Camden,* the Bishop of Gloucester,† and Sir Richard Aston be put up in the Hall, and that the arms of Charles Ambler, Esq., William Lambton, Esq., Taylor White, Esq., and Sir Fletcher Norton, Knight, the four last Treasurers of this Society, be put up in the Chappell in the usual manner."

p. 479. Call to the Bar, June 16th, 1766:
Sir John Russell, Bart., William Weller Pepys,‡ and Charles Mellish.

p. 484. Council held on November 6th, 1766.
Five Benchers present.

p. 485. "Ordered that a Survey be taken of the Old Buildings, and that a plan be made or drawn out for rebuilding the same; and that it be referred to any two or more of the Masters of the Bench to procure such plan to be made."

* Charles Pratt, C.J.C.P., had been created Baron Camden in 1765; he was appointed Lord Chancellor July 30th, 1766.

† William Warburton.

‡ Called William Pepys on admission.

Call to the Bar, November 25th, 1766 : p. 486.

Nash Grose, John Pickering and Edward Reeve.

Also Giles Rooke, "having been regularly admitted to the degree of Master of Arts in the University of Oxford, and being thereby of full standing in this Society according to the Order of the 30th of June, 1762,"* and having kept twelve terms commons. p. 487.

Call to the Bench, November 28th, 1766 : p. 488.
The Right Hon. Charles Townsend, Esq.†

Accounts of Edward Poore, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1766, to Jan. 23rd, 1767.

Receipts: £3,335 4s. 7d. Including £790 13s. 4d. for chamber fines.

Payments: £3,322 4s. od. Including £900 3s. 6d. to Mr Child to the credit of the Society.

Balance: £13 os. 7d.

Officers for 1767: 1767.

Master of the Library: Edward Poore, Esq.

Treasurer: James Morgan, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Henry Gapper, Esq.

Arthur Jones, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Richard Spooner, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Job Walden Hanmer, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 7 George III, 1767. p. 492.

Eighteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the future no person be admitted a Member of this Society unless a Benchers signs his name to the said admission, according to the ancient rule of this Society.

Call to the Bar, January 31st, 1767: p. 493.

Thomas Chamberlayne, Abel Moysey, James Adair and George Morgan.

Call to the Bench, February 4th, 1767: p. 494.

William de Grey, Esq., Attorney General.‡

* See *ante*, p. 374.

† Second son of Charles, 3rd Viscount Townshend; appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer by Pitt, Aug. 2nd, 1766. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

‡ Appointed Aug. 6th, 1766; adm. at L.I. Jan. 26th, 1767.

p. 495.

Council held on February 12th, 1767.

Sixteen Benchers present.

A Committee is desired "to view the Anchor and Baptist Head Tavern, and report . . . whether the same is to be disposed of, and on what terms."

"Ordered that the two officers of Chief Butler to this Society and of Steward's Man be vacated and extinguished, and that for the future the duty and business of those two offices be separated and divided between two persons now to be chosen, one of whom is to be called the Steward, and the other the First Butler, to this Society."

Thomas Grint is appointed Steward,* and Thomas Nixon, First Butler.

p. 496.

Council held on February 27th, 1767.

Eight Benchers present.

p. 497.

"Ordered that no member of this Society be suffered to be in arrear two terms for eating commons, and that such person be not permitted to dine in the Hall until his arrears shall be paid." To be screened.

The duty and business of Thomas Grint, the Steward to this Society :—

To keep proper accounts of all moneys received and paid by him ; to make out the bills of eating commons, vacation commons, absent commons, pensions, Preacher's Roll, and Land and Window Taxes, and deliver them to the First Butler for collection ; to receive all chamber fines, deposit moneys in lieu of chambers, and all fines due to the House on admittances to chambers surrendered ; to enter all admissions and receive the fees thereon ; to enter in a special book all fees received by him or the First Butler for the use of the Treasurer, Dean of the Chapel and Keeper of the Black Book, and to deliver an account and their respective fees to each of them every Hilary Term ; to submit a regular yearly Treasurer's Account at the last Council in Hilary Term ; to keep the proper register of Chambers, both for the Old Buildings and for Serle's Court ; "that immediately after his receiving any money belonging to the Society he pay the same into the shop of M^r Child & Co., Bankers, in the name of three Masters of the Bench" ; to take down the names of those who dine in Hall in term time, and to attend the Bench table "as much as he can conveniently" ; to give all necessary orders to the workmen, and to pay their bills, and those of the other tradesmen ; to give due attendance in his office, and see that all the servants do

* Grint was appointed Steward's Man on June 22nd, 1764.

their respective duties; to take an inventory of the plate, for which he shall be responsible. He must enter into a bond of £400 *p.* 498. penalty, with two sureties of £100 each. He shall have a salary of £45 paid quarterly, and the following fees, viz:—10s. from every person admitted, 10s. on every admittance to a chamber, 10s. on every surrender of a chamber, 10s. on every deposit in lieu of a chamber, 12s. from every person called to the Bar, 2s. 6d. for every petition presented to the Bench, and £2 2s. a year for keeping the Steward's Office clean.

The duty and business of Thomas Nixon, the First Butler to this Society :—

To collect the moneys due on all bills for eating commons, vacation commons, absent commons, pensions, and Preacher's Roll, and the fines on admittances of nominees to chambers in Serle Court, for collecting which he shall have 6d. in the pound, except on bills for eating commons, for which he is not to be paid by the House; to collect the Land Tax and Window Tax, for which he is to have 3d. in the pound, as allowed by Act of Parliament; to collect all rents due to the Society, for which he is to have 1s. in the pound; to pay all moneys received by him to the Steward, after deducting his poundage; to record in a book all bills delivered and the times of payment; to attend the Bench table at dinner, and take care of the wine and account for the same at the end of every term; he shall be entitled to have the best mess and the best bottle of wine left every day at the Bench table; he must provide good small beer, for which he shall be allowed £7 10s. a term; to keep an account of the number of workmen and the number of days they work; to give constant *p.* 499. attendance in the Inn, and see that good order is kept; to take an inventory of the linen, for which he shall be responsible, and to see to the washing of it; he may make use of the Steward's Office for keeping his accounts and doing the business of the Society. He shall have a salary of £20 paid quarterly, and a fee of 2s. from every person admitted to the Society.

“Ordered that the servants to this Society be for the future placed at dinner in the following manner, viz. :—at the first mess, the Steward, the Cook, the First Butler, the Second Butler; at the second mess, the Third Butler, the Fourth Butler, the Pannier Man, the Chief Porter; at the third mess, the Wash Pot, the Preacher's Man, the Cook's Man, the Fill Pot.”

Call to the Bar, May 6th, 1767 :
Robert Morris, M.A. of Cambridge.*

p. 500.

* On admission he is described as of Oriel College, Oxford.

p. 503.

Call to the Bar, May 25th, 1767:
Jeremy Pemberton and James Straker.

Council held on June 1st, 1767.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that Arthur Jones, Esq., be Dean of the Chapel in the room of M^r Gapper, deceased, for the remainder of the present year."

p. 504.

John Bristow is appointed [fire-]engine maker to the Society in the room of Richard Ragg, who is going abroad.

p. 506.

Call to the Bar, July 4th, 1767:

Thomas Neate, Henry Earle, Richard Calvert and Philip Yorke, M.A. of Cambridge.

p. 507.

Council held on July 8th, 1767.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the thanks of this Society be given to M^r Baron Atkyns for his present of the second volume of his Reports."

"Ordered that the double row of lime trees fronting the New Square be taken down, and the statues be removed."

p. 510.

Council held on November 6th, 1767.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that two guineas and a half be paid to the woman for cleaning the prints in the Council Chamber."

"Complaint being made by Henry Montagu, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, that he is greatly annoyed and disturbed by M^r Richard Lowe and his family and visitors by making of noises over his head, and that the carpenter and bricklayer of the House have been very saucy to him"—the Steward shall warn M^r Lowe; the workmen must attend the next Council.

p. 511.

For the future the servants of the Inn shall have the undermentioned salaries paid quarterly:—the Steward £45, the First Butler £20, the Second Butler £25 15s., the Third Butler £13 15s., the Fourth Butler £17 15s., the Pannier Man and Chapel Clerk £33 15s., the Chief Porter £8, the Head Porter* £8, the Gardener £20, the Washpot £13, the Washpot's Man and Hatchkeeper £6, the Boghouse Keeper £5, and the Turnspit £8.

p. 512.

Call to the Bar, November 26th, 1767:
John Nicholls and Abraham Grimes.

* Of Serle's Court.

Council held on November 28th, 1767.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the future every member of this Society *p.* 514. who shall be indebted £10 or upwards for absent commons do apply for leave to compound for the same within twelve months after a bill for such commons shall be delivered to him by the officer of this Society, and, in default of such application within the time aforesaid, that such member shall not afterwards be at liberty to compound for such commons. And this is declared to be a Standing Order of this Society."

"Ordered that for the future no servant of this House *p.* 515. presume to take away any old materials, furniture, utensils, or other things belonging to this Society, under pretence of perquisites, but that the same be disposed of by the Treasurer for the time being."

"Ordered that the proper officer give in at the next Council a list of the names of the several persons who now have the use of the cellars under the Hall."

Council held on December 11th, 1767.

p. 516.

Seven Benchers present.

"A list of the names of several persons who have the use of the cellars under the Hall, viz. :—

"Mr Serjeant [George] Nares, Richard Cope Hopton, Esq., Charles Mellish, Esq., Robert Morris, Esq., John Aylett Stow, Esq., and other gentlemen at present unknown."

* William de Grey, Esq., Attorney General, is admitted to part of a chamber, four stories high, at No. 21, Stone Pace Row, Gate House Court. Fine £20.

Accounts of James Morgan, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1767, to Jan. 23rd, 1768.

Receipts: £3,162 10s. 4d. Including £382 8s. 6d. by drafts on Robert Child and Co.; £1 for burial ground for Mr John Foster.

Payments: £2,971 16s. 11¼d. Including £132 4s. 8d. for table cloths; £240 os. 10d. in full for Land Tax for 1776; £83 3s. in full for Window Tax for 1776; £792 3s. 7d. to Robert Child and Co.

Balance: £190 13s. 4¾d.

1768. Officers for 1768:

Treasurer: William de Grey, Esq., Att. Gen.

Master of the Library: James Morgan, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Levet Blackborne, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Job Walden Hanmer, Esq.

Master of the Walks: John Coxe, junior, Esq.

BOOK XIV. Council held on January 23rd, 8 George III, 1768.

p. 1. Five Benchers present.*p.* 2. "Ordered that for the future when any gentleman of this Society is called to the honourable degree of a Serjeant at Law, no public speeches be made in the Hall, but that the Treasurer wait upon the gentleman with the usual compliment and the congratulations of the Society."Call to the Bar, February 10th, 1768:
Steddy Grinfield and Francis Burton.*p.* 3. Council held on February 12th, 1768.
Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that a plan of the ground of Lincoln's Inn, with the buildings thereon standing, be forthwith taken, and that a Surveyor be employed for that purpose, who is to be appointed by any three of the Masters of the Bench."

p. 4. "Ordered that no servant of the House do permit any person for the future to have the use of any of the cellars belonging to this Society, without leave of the Masters of the Bench." *

"Ordered that for the future the usual Adjourned Councils after the terms be held at one of the clock in the afternoon, and that instead of having a supper, as usual, a dinner be provided at half an hour past 3 o'clock; and that the next Adjourned Council be on Saturday, the 27th instant, and that a dinner be then provided for eight persons, to consist of fish, chickens, bacon and greens, roast beef, and tarts."

p. 5. Council held on February 27th, 1768.
Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that from and after the first day of Easter Term next, a bond with sureties be taken instead of manucaptors upon every admission to the House; and that it be referred to any two or more of the Masters of the Bench now present to settle the penalty and the form of the condition of such bond." †

* See *ante*, p. 391.

† See below, April 20th.

"Ordered that no person be permitted to compound for absent commons for three years next after he shall be called to the Bar, but shall be obliged to pay the whole of such absent commons." p. 6.

"Ordered that the prints of Lord Chancellor Talbot, Lord Northington,* Lord Mansfield,† and Lord Camden‡ be purchased, and framed at the discretion of Levett Blackborne and Owen Salusbury Brereton, Esquires, two of the Masters of the Bench."

"Ordered that the arms of the late Right Honourable Charles Townshend, Esq., and of Mr Justice Willes§ be put up in the Hall."

"Ordered that the Masters of the Bench who are in commons do sit in turn at the call of gentlemen to the Bar; and that every Master who shall sit upon such occasions shall have a service of sweetmeats, value 5s., and a bottle of wine from each gentleman."

Council held on April 20th, 1768.

p. 7.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the chest in the Library be broke open in the presence of any two of the Masters now present, and that they take thereout any deeds, leases or plans relating to Thavy's Inn."

"Ordered that some person be appointed by Arthur Jones, Richard Spooner and Lewis Jones, Esquires, . . . to take care of Thavy's Inn, at such salary or wages as they shall think proper; and that the said gentlemen consider of an advertisement for letting the said Inn as soon as possible."

"Ordered that the Order made at the last Council, for a bond to be taken instead of manucaptors, be vacated and discharged, and that for the future every person who shall be admitted into this Society shall be admitted by a Benchers, without manucaptors; but before he shall come into commons shall enter into a bond with sufficient security in the penalty of £40; and before he shall be called to the Bar, shall enter into a bond with sufficient security in the penalty of £100; and that the conditions of the said several bonds shall be according to the respective forms hereunder written, and that the sureties in both the said bonds shall be either a member of the said Society or two house-keepers||; and that upon entering into the second bond the said first bond shall be delivered up to be cancelled." p. 8.

* Robert Henley, Lord Keeper 1757, Chancellor 1761-1766.

† William Murray, C.J.K.B., 1756-1788.

‡ Charles Pratt, C.J.C.P., 1762-1766, Chancellor 1766-1770.

§ Edward Willes, Solicitor General, apptd. J.K.B. Jan. 27th, 1768.

|| *I.e.*, house-holders.

COMMONS BOND IN £40 PENALTY.

"The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound who hath been admitted into the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn aforesaid, or the above bound or either of them, their or either of their heirs, executors or administrators, do and shall from time to time and at all times hereafter well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the Steward of the said Society for the time being, all such sum and sums of money as shall grow due and payable for the commons and diet of the said and also do and shall pay and discharge to the Treasurer of the said Society for the time being all such other duties and payments as the said ought to pay and discharge as a member of the same Society—then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue."

p. 9.

BAR BOND IN £100 PENALTY.

"Whereas the said being a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn aforesaid, is now by Order of the same Society called to the degree of an Utter Barrister, whereby divers duties and charges may hereafter from time to time grow due and payable to the said Society by the said

The condition therefore of this obligation is such that if the said do and shall from time to time and at all times hereafter during his life duly and orderly perform pay and discharge all such debts, duties and charges, sum and sums of money as shall grow due and be chargeable upon him for Pensions Preacher's duties, commons, taxes, fines, penalties, amerciaments and all other duties whatsoever, hereafter to be due or imposed upon him by order of and according to the custom of the said Society—then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue."

Call to the Bar, May 5th, 1768: James White.

Call to the Bar, May 13th, 1768: Philip Keys.

Council held on May 16th, 1768.

p. 10.

Nine Benchers present.

"It is reported by Richard Spooner, Esq., that the chest in the Library hath been broken open, . . . and that there was in the said chest the counterpart of the lease of Thavy's Inn, but that no plan thereof was found therein."

"Upon application made by Beversham Filmer and Thomas Lloyd, Esquires, on behalf of the parish of S^t Andrew, Holborn,

above the Bars, and the parish of St George the Martyr, representing that they apprehend that the Society of Lincoln's Inn is liable to be assessed for the support of the poor, but if not, that the said Society would make them a compliment, without prejudice to their right"—adjourned.

"Ordered that the Steward do procure three Acts of Parliament for better regulating the poor of the Parishes of St Andrew Holborn, above the Bars, and of St George the Martyr."

"Upon the motion of John Coxe, junior, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, that the Hon. Charles Yorke, Esq., one other of the Masters of the Bench, may have the picture of Lord Chief Justice Hale, which is now in the Library, in order to be copied for him, and that the same may be delivered to the Rev. M^r Hurd—It is ordered accordingly, on M^r Hurd's giving a receipt for the same." p. 11.

"Ordered that for the future, when any gentleman shall desire to be called to the Bar, the Quatuor in the Hall may appoint the next or any other day for that purpose, and that the Masters of the Bench present at such day, being three or more in number, and meeting either in the Council Chamber or the Buttery, shall be deemed a Council sufficient for calling such gentleman to the Bar, without other warning, but for no other purpose."

Council held on June 3rd, 1768.

p. 12.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that M^r Boucher's bill on the prosecution of George Holland and William Turner, amounting to £28 1s. be paid; and that M^r Boucher wait on M^r Lewis Jones for further orders about the prosecution."

"Ordered that M^r Thomas Clark, bricklayer to this Society, do forthwith take a plan of Thavy's Inn, and give his thoughts in what manner the same may be best to be let."

Council held on June 22nd, 1768.

p. 14.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the cellar under the Buttery, which has been for some years locked up, be broke open in presence of any two of the Masters of the Bench, and be hereafter kept for the use of the First Butler." p. 16.

"Upon the motion of the Hon. Charles Yorke, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, representing that William, Lord Bishop of Gloucester, intends to found a lecture, in the form of sermons, for proving the Truth of the Christian Religion from the completion of those Prophecies in the Old and New Testament

which relate to the Christian Church, especially to the apostasy of Papal Rome; and that his Lordship is desirous that the Rev. M^r Hurd, (now Preacher to this Society), and all the succeeding Lecturers, may have leave to preach the same annually, on three Sundays, after Morning Service, in the Chapel belonging to this Society, viz:—on the first Sunday after Michaelmas Term, and also on the first Sunday before and the first Sunday after Hilary Term—It is ordered that leave be given pursuant to the said request, and that M^r Yorke will be pleased to signify the same to his Lordship, with the just sense entertained by the Masters of the Bench of his attention and regard to the Society upon this occasion.”*

“Ordered that a dinner be provided for ten persons at the next Adjourned Council, consisting of fish, sirloin of beef, roasted chickens, peas, and tarts, and of fruit after dinner.”

p. 17. Council held on July 6th, 1768.
Seven Benchers present.

Thomas Morgan, stationer, tenant of the shop at the Great Gate, is admitted tenant at will of the ground floor chamber at No. 1 in the Old Buildings, adjoining the said shop, at a yearly rent of £10, and may continue tenant of the shop at the yearly rent of £8; he may move his shop door 4 feet towards the Inn, and is allowed 40s. toward the expense.

p. 18 Council held on November 7th, 1768.
Six Benchers present.

† Thomas Grint, the Steward, is admitted tenant at will of the chambers, two stories high, at No. 2, Gate House Court, at a yearly rent of £10; he is allowed £4 4s. towards painting, etc.

Call to the Bar, November 15th, 1768:
Thomas Vincent, Daniel Parker Coke, and Edmund Dayrell.

p. 19. Call to the Bar, November 25th, 1768: William Post.

Council held on November 28th, 1768:
Eight Benchers present.

‡ Robert Morris, Esq., Barrister, prays leave “to new fashion in the Venetian stile the windows of his chamber at No. 21, in Kitchen Garden Court and Field Gate Row,” and to make

* The Warburton Lectures are still given in the Chapel.

† Red Book III, p. 133.

‡ Red Book III, pp. 134, 136. No. 21 is in Gate House Court.

a bow window looking into the Kitchen Garden. Granted, Dec. 13th.

"Adjourned the Council to Tuesday, the 13th day of December next, at one o'clock; and ordered that a dinner be then provided, consisting of cod's head, sirloin of beef, chickens and egg sauce, and a piece of bacon, and tarts." p. 21.

Accounts of William de Grey, Esquire, Attorney General, from Jan. 23rd, 1768, to Jan. 23rd, 1769.

Receipts: £3,007 1s. 10½d. Including £700 from drafts on Messrs. Child and Co.

Payments: £2,802 14s. 11¼d. Including £10 10s. and a purse to Mr Justice Willes*; 2s. 6d. to "the man in possession at Thavies Inn, for a padlock and candles, and 6s. for a grate, fender and tongs in the lodge there, and £4 os. 6d. to him for keeping possession from April 6th to 28th"†; 19s. to Mr Agar for prints of Lord Northington‡ and Lord Camden,§ and frames; £1 4s. for "advertizing Thavies Inn in the *Daily Advertiser* and *Gazetteer*, 4 times each paper at 3s. a time"; 10s. for a barrel of beer for the boys of S. Andrew's parish on "Possessioning Day"; 10d. for 5 forms of prayer for the Queen [Nov. 21st]; || £179 18s. 1½d. for Land Tax for 1767; £300 paid to Messrs. Child and Co.; various sums for advertising Thavies Inn.

Balance: £204 6s. 11½d.

Officers for 1769:

1769.

Treasurer: Thomas Payler, Esq.

Master of the Library: William de Grey, Esq., Att. Gen.

Dean of the Chapel: Richard Spooner, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: John Cox, junior, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Theodore Johnson, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 9 George III, 1769.

p. 23.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that Soulden Lawrence, gent., one of the four Law Students of this Society, pursuant to the will of Christopher Tancred, Esq., deceased, is by the appointment of the Treasurer to make a speech or oration in Latin on the 2nd day of February next, at o'clock, in the publick Dining Hall of this Society, in commemoration of the several donations established by the will of the said Mr Tancred."

* Edward Willes, appointed a judge of the King's Bench, Jan. 27th, 1768.

† There are sundry other payments under this head.

‡ Robert Henley.

§ Charles Pratt.

|| Princess Augusta Sophia was born Nov. 8th, 1768.

- p. 24. "Ordered that Thavies Inn be advertized to be sold in the *Daily Advertiser* once in every week, the advertizement to run thus:—
 "TO BE SOLD, and not let, the Inheritance of a large peice of ground called Thavies Inn, near S^t Andrew's Church, Holborne, with all the Buildings thereon. Proposals, sealed up, to be left on or before the 12th day of April at the Steward's Office in Lincoln's Inn, where a plan of the ground may be seen."
- p. 25. Council held on February 13th, 1769.
 Five Benchers present.
 Robert Morris, Esq., Barrister, prays leave to continue the wall of the cook's storeroom to such a height as to make a closet over the same to his chambers, No. 21, Stone Pace Row, Gate House Court. Granted, Feb. 27th.
- p. 27. The Council is adjourned to the 27th inst., when a dinner shall be provided similar to the last, with the addition of a lobster and a crab.
- p. 29. Call to the Bar, April 12th, 1769 :
 John Swale, junior, M.A., John Willett Adye, George
- p. 30. Mason, and John Floyer.
- p. 32. Call to the Bar, April 26th, 1769 :
 John Ranby, George Talbot Hatley Foote, and Thomas Mytton.
- p. 33. Call to the Bar, May 6th, 1769 : The Hon. John Scott.
 Council held on May 8th, 1769.
 Ten Benchers present.
- p. 34. "Ordered that the arms of Sir Fletcher Norton, as Lord Chief Justice in Eyre, be put up in the Hall of this Society." *
- p. 35. Council held on May 26th, 1769.
 Fourteen Benchers present.
 Call to the Bench : James Wallace, Esq., K.C
 Call to the Bar :
 Edward Benton, junior ; he has made an affidavit "that he

* Appointed Chief Justice in Eyre of his Majesty's Forests south of the Trent, Feb. 19th, 1769 ; Speaker of the House of Commons, 1770 ; cr. Baron Grantley of Markenfield, co. York, 1782.

hath not practised as an Attorney at Law or Solicitor in Chancery for upwards of two years last past, tho' admitted as such more than that time."

Also Thomas White.

"Declare that it is the opinion of this Council that M^r Thomas Middleton of Lincoln's Inn is the best bidder for the absolute purchase of Thavies Inn, with the appurtenances, at the sum of £4,100, and that it will be necessary to obtain an Act of Parliament to enable the Feoffees and Benchers of Lincoln's Inn to make a good title to the said purchasor. And it is also the opinion of this Council that the money arising by sale of the premises ought to be applied for the rebuilding or otherwise improving of Lincoln's Inn, at the discretion of the Benchers for the time being, and that it will be proper to declare the trust thereof in the said Act accordingly. p. 37.

"And it is ordered that the said M^r Middleton, the purchasor, do make a deposite in the shop of Messrs. Child and Co., Bankers, of the sum of £200, before the last day of this term, to be paid in the names of the Benchers in whose names the money of the Society now stands; and that the purchasor be at liberty to take possession of the premises, to secure the property thereof."

"Ordered that the plans of Thavies Inn be delivered to the purchasor thereof when applied for."

Call to the Bar, May 27th, 1769: p. 38.
Henry Howorth, and Charles Tirrell Morgan.

Council held on June 14th, 1769.

Six Benchers present.

John Floyer, Esq., Second Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, is admitted to be an Associate of the Bench on payment of £30 only, (instead of the £50 usually paid), in regard his father was sometime a Bencher of this Society.

Council held on June 28th, 1769.

Eight Benchers present. p. 42.

"Ordered that a proper Letter of Attorney be prepared to be executed by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Chancellor,* the Hon^{ble} M^r Justice Willes,† and the Hon^{ble} Charles Yorke, Esq., the surviving Trustees of the principal sum of £3,000 Consolidated Bank Annuities standing in their names and in the name of Nicholas Fazakerly, Esq., deceased, in trust for this Society, to p. 43.

* Charles Pratt, Lord Camden, apptd. July 30th, 1766.

† Edward Willes, J. K. B.

empower Messrs. Child & Co., Bankers, to receive the dividends now due thereon, for the use and to be placed to the account of this Society."

Ordered that £2,300 3 per cent. Consolidated Bank Annuities be purchased.

- p. 44. Extraordinary Council held September 7th, 1769.
Five Benchers present.

"The Commissioners under the Act of Parliament for paving the streets, having moved the posts and rails from before the part of the buildings of Lincoln's Inn fronting Chancery Lane, the Treasurer thought it proper to call this Extraordinary Council; when, upon an inspection of the premises, and of a plan of this part of Chancery Lane, drawn by M^r Clark, the bricklayer of this Society,—It is ordered that, to protect the property of the Society, an area be dug, according to the plan given by the said M^r Clark, and that a stone curb and iron rails be placed on the outward extremity thereof." . . .

- p. 45. Council held on November 6th, 1769.
Six Benchers present.

Call to the Bar :

Alexander Thomson, Jeremy Bentham, and John Bigge Thornton.

"Upon reading the memorial of M^r Thomas Middleton, the purchasor of Thavies Inn, It is ordered that the said M^r Middleton be at liberty to pursue such measures as he shall be advised to recover the rent and arrears, and also the possession of the chambers in the occupation of John Harrison in Thavies Inn; and that he be at liberty to make use of the names of the Feoffees of this House. And he is desired to consult with M^r Ashurst of Lincoln's Inn how he shall proceed."

- p. 47. Call to the Bar, November 24th, 1769 :
James Donithorne.

Council held on November 28th, 1769.
Five Benchers present.

- p. 49. "Ordered that for the future Prayers in the afternoon do begin at 4 o'clock from Michaelmas to Lady Day."

Council held on December 12th, 1769.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that a survey be taken, and a plan thereof drawn

out, of that part of Lincoln's Inn called the Old Building, by Mr. Clarke, the bricklayer of this Society."

Accounts of Thomas Payler, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1769, to Jan. 23rd, 1770.

Receipts: £3,619 18s. 0½d. Including £200 from Messrs. Child and Co.; £874 13s. 4d. for chamber fines; £5 from John Harrison for half year's rent of his chambers in Thavy's Inn, due Michaelmas, 1768.

Payments: £3,290 0s. 4d. Including 18s. 9d. for 1 doz. china and 15 stone plates; £2 7s. 7d. for 2 doz. pewter plates; £3 4s. for flowers in the Hall (June 26th); 16s. 8d. for 2½ years' rent paid at the "Chamber's Office"* for a vault in front of Thavy's Inn, due at Lady Day, at 6s. 8d. a year; 10s. 6d. to J. Boydell for Lord Camden's print; £1,079 19s. 4d. to Messrs. Child and Co.

Balance: £329 17s. 8½d.

Officers for 1770:

1770.

Treasurer: Robert Holden, Esq.

Master of the Library: Thomas Payler, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Job Walden Hanmer, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Theodore Johnson, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Owen Salusbury Brereton, Esq.

Council held on January 23rd, 10 George III, 1770.

p. 50.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the surviving Trustees of this Society be desired to petition the House of Lords for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the said Trustees to convey Thavy's Inn with the appurtenances to M^r Thomas Middleton, according to his bidding; and that Richard Spooner, Esq., be desired to prepare such petition and bill; and that the said M^r Middleton do solícite the same."

"Ordered that the Cook be paid, till further Order, one guinea a year for his attendance in dressing the dinners for the Adjourned Councils."

Jeremy Pemberton, gent., one of the four Tancred Students, is to make the Latin oration on February 2nd next. p. 51.

Call to the Bar, January 30th, 1770:

p. 52.

John Thomas Batt, the Hon. Frederic Robinson, Edmund Calamy, and Humphrey Sibthorp, M.A., Oxon.

* Qy, Chamberlain's Office, see *ante*, p. 157 n.

p. 53.

Call to the Bar, February 7th, 1770:

Nicholas Martyn; his affidavit states that he "was heretofore a Clerk in Chancery, that he hath not directly or indirectly practised as a Clerk in Chancery, or as an Attorney or Solicitor in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or in any other Court whatsoever, either in his own name, or in the name of any other person, for two years now last past, and upwards."

Also Philip Livingston, junior.

p. 54.

Call to the Bar, February 10th, 1770: Thomas Hanmer.

Council held on February 12th, 1770.

Seven Benchers present.

In the opinion of this Council it is not necessary to obtain an Act of Parliament in order to make a good title to Thavy's Inn; the previous Orders relating thereto are therefore discharged.

p. 55.

Richard Spooner, Esq., one of the Benchers, is requested to prepare an abstract of title to Thavy's Inn for Mr. Middleton, the purchaser; and, if Mr. Middleton shall consent to proceed in his purchase, then to prepare a draft conveyance.

p. 57.

Council held on February 26th, 1770.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that John Harrison, and the other occupiers of chambers in Thavy's Inn, do pay their rent to Mr. Middleton or Mr. Goodwin, his agent."

"Ordered that two guineas be paid to Thomas Nixon, the first Butler, in consideration of the difficulty he is put to at present to give change on the House bills, which is his duty to receive, by reason of the great scarcity of silver."

"Ordered that the thanks of the Benchers of this Society be given to the Rev. Doctor Ashton for the kind present he made to them of his sermons."

p. 59.

Council held on May 2nd, 1770.

Seven Benchers present.

* John Soley, Esq., and Nathaniel Templeman, gentleman, have leave to erect at their own expense a bow window on the north side of their chambers at No. 13 in Dial Court and Chapel Row, lying one over the other, to project six feet from the wall of the building; they must employ the workmen of the House.

* Red Book III, p. 151.

Call to the Bar, May 16th, 1770:
Jacob Preston and Gifford Warriner.

p. 61.

Council held on May 28th, 1770.

p. 62.

Twelve Benchers present.

* [A long report by Randal Wilbraham, Richard Spooner and John Coxe, three Masters of the Bench, appointed to consider the proper remedies to be taken for the recovery of the arrears of duties due to the Society for M^r Bond's chambers at No. 7, Serle's Court. They are of opinion that there is no legal remedy, and advise a Bill in Chancery in the names of six of the Benchers, on behalf of themselves and all other the Benchers, Barristers, and Fellows of the Society. The proposed Bill is sketched out; it recites, *inter alia*, "that the Society of Lincoln's Inn is a voluntary Society, very anciently established for the use and practice of the Law, and that it has been subject to wholesome Rules and Orders for the regulation thereof, which Rules and Orders have been generally obeyed and performed, by means whereof the Courts of Justice have been supplied with fit and able men to administer Justice, and with proper advocates to attend the said Courts, by which the dignity of the Law has been supported and maintained."]

Council held on June 15th, 1770.

p. 63.

Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the evidences and leases of Thavy's Inn be produced at the next Council, to be inspected, in order to discover what incroachments have been made on the property of this Society."

"Ordered that for the future the Treasurer of this Society for the time being take place of all other the Masters of the Bench, in the Hall, at dinner, at the Council, and in the Chapel."

"Ordered that, in consideration of the poverty of Richard Stanley, the Head Porter of Serle Square, that the pump and water-cart made use of for watering the said Square be repaired at the expence of this Society."

Call to the Bar, June 30th, 1770: John Pollen, junior.

p. 65.

Council held on July 4th, 1770.

Six Benchers present.†

"Ordered that the Hall be new floored, in manner according to the former flooring, so as that part of the Hall made use of by

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 351.

† "Robert Holden, Treasurer," heads the list.

the Lord High Chancellor, when he sits in the said Hall, be elevated and raised in the same manner as the same now is; and that the tables be plained, and put in good condition; and also that the Hall and Withdrawing Parlor, and passages, be painted and whitewashed at the same time."

p. 66. "Ordered that the two benches in Stone Pace Row be removed and destroyed."

"Ordered that ten guineas be given to M^r Henry Gibbs, clerk to John Cox, junior, Esq., for his trouble in making a digest to many Orders of this Society."*

p. 68. Council held on July 16th, 1770.
Nine Benchers present.

The turret and the roof of the Hall are to be repaired; a stone shall be put up with the date when the repairs were done and the Treasurer's initials.†

p. 69. "Ordered that the taylor's shop adjoining to the Hall be removed, and that the yearly allowance to be made to the third Butler in respect of such removal, be adjourned."

‡ "Ordered that a proper Bill for the recovery of the arrears of duties due to this Society for M^r Bond's chambers at No. 7 in Serle Court be prepared by M^r Ainge, under the inspection of Arthur Jones and Richard Spooner, Esquires, and that they employ a solicitor for prosecuting such Bill."

p. 70. Council held on November 6th, 1770.
Five Benchers present.

M^r Clarke, the Bricklayer, is to make an estimate for building a house in the Garden Row, according to his draft of the elevation.

p. 72. Call to the Bar, November 24th, 1770:
John Lowes, Nathaniel Gundry, Archibald MacDonald, and William Morgan Clyfford.

p. 73. Council held on November 28th, 1770.
Six Benchers present.

* This MS., known as "Coxe's Digest," is preserved in the Steward's Office. Its full title runs—"A Digest of some of the Principal Orders of Council of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, extracted from the several Books of the Society, from the 1st year of the Reign of Henry the 6th to the 10th of his present Majesty, King Geo: the 3rd, by the Order of John Coxe junior, Esq., C. L. N. for the year of our Lord 1769." A prefatory note is signed "H. Gibbs."

† Ireland's view of the Hall, 1800, shows this stone, inscribed T.
R.H.
1700.

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 353. See *ante*, p. 403.

Mr. Clarke must "proportion the expences for building each chamber in the house in Garden Row."

The Third Butler shall have £3 3s. a year added to his salary, "in lieu and stead of the rent which he used to receive for his own use for the shed adjoining to the Hall, and lately made use of for a taylor's shop, and now by Order of Council taken down."*

The cook shall be allowed 3s. 6d. for the exceedings at each mess at the Bench Table, till further Order. p. 74.

"Adjourned the Council to Thursday, the 13th day of December next, at one o'clock; and ordered that a dinner be then provided at half an hour past three o'clock, consisting of a large cod's head, peas soup, roast beef, woodcocks, sweet meat tart, iced cream, raspberry and plain." p. 76.

Council held on December 13th, 1770. p. 77.
Seven Benchers present.

"Whereas the resolutions of the Vestry and Committee respecting the paving the Parishes of Saint Andrew Holborn, above the Bars, and Saint George the Martyr, Middlesex, not being read at the Council till this day, and having no other meeting till the 24 day of this instant December at 11 o'clock in the forenoon—It is ordered that the gentlemen of the said Vestry and Committee be acquainted therewith, and that the Council would be glad to see any of the said gentlemen at the same time."

"The Memorial of the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Clement's Danes being read at this Council. . . . It is ordered that the Steward to this Society do acquaint the Memorialists that this Society have never paid any Parochial Duties to any Parish, and do not apprehend any part of their Inn liable thereto."

Council held on December 24th, 1770. p. 79.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that under the inspection of the Dean of the Chapel, a small bolt be fixed on the inside of each of the Benchers' pews, and that the said pews be not locked when any person is therein."

"Ordered that the ancient Rules and Orders of this Society for collecting Pensions of 5s. 4d. per annum yearly of every member of this Society, whether he has a chamber or not, be confirmed and put in force; and that all arrears of the said Pensions be forthwith collected and got in."

* See *ante*, p. 404.

Accounts of Robert Holden, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1770, to Jan. 23rd, 1771.

Receipts : £2,792 14s. 6½d.

Payments : £2,431 13s. 3d. Including £5 3s. 10d. for the Adjourned Council dinner in July; £150 to the Banker's Account.

Balance : £361 1s. 3½d.

1771. Officers for 1771:

Treasurer: Arthur Jones, Esq.

Master of the Library: Robert Holden, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: John Cox, junior, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Owen Salusbury Brereton, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Peter Holford, Esq.

p. 82. Council held on January 23rd, 11 George III, 1771.
Seven Benchers present.

Edward Law, one of the Tancred Students, is appointed to make the Lation oration.

p. 86. Council held on February 26th, 1771.
Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the future £50 a term be paid to the Rev. Doctor Hurd, the Preacher to this Honourable Society, as his salary, subject to farther Order; and that the first payment thereof be immediately paid to him for Hilary Term last past."

"Ordered that the conveyance of Thavy's Inn to M^r Middleton be engrossed, and that the same be tendered to be executed to the Trustees and Benchers of this Society by the Steward of the House, and that he be one witness to attest the execution thereof."
"Done." *Margin.*

"Ordered that M^r Clarke, the bricklayer to this Society, do leave his estimate for pulling down and rebuilding the Terrace wall belonging to this Society, next Lincoln's Inn Fields, and proceed to build the wall accordingly, seven feet and an half high; and that the same be coped as now, so that the coping does not exceed £13, using all the old coping that is not quite decayed."

p. 87. Lord Camden has leave to compound for his absent commons for his chamber at No. 4 in Serle Court, upon payment of half of what is due. Paid £5 17s.

p. 88. William Gildart, Esq., one of the Fellows of this Society, petitions for leave to have his name taken out of the House books, he having a desire not to follow the profession of the Law. Granted, upon payment of half of what is due for absent and vacation commons, and the whole of all other arrears and duties.

Council held on March 19th, 1771.

p. 89.

Ten Benchers present.

"Ordered that the sun-dial in Chapell Court and Dial Row be forthwith repaired by Mr Sisson." *

"Ordered that the Watch Houses be removed from the Terrace wall in Lincoln's Inn Fields, and that the Secretary to the Trust of the said Fields be informed thereof."

Council held on April 17th, 1771.

p. 90.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that Mr Adam,[†] Mr Paine,[‡] Mr Brittingham and Mr Taylor,[§] be respectively applied to, to draw proper plans for the rebuilding the old part of Lincoln's Inn upon any part of the ground belonging to the Society."

Call to the Bar, April 22nd, 1771 :
John Holliday and John Jackson.

p. 92.

Council held on May 13th, 1771.

p. 93.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that a letter be directed to the Worshipful the Benchers of Gray's Inn, and signed by the Keeper of the Black Book, informing them that a letter of their Steward's, wrote by order of their Bench, was laid before this Council, relating to the General Order made in 1762 for regulating the Call of Barristers;|| and particularly with respect to the clause in that Order, that no Attorney, Solicitor, Clerk in Chancery or Exchequer, should be called to the Bar till after two years discontinuing practice as such. The Benchers of Lincoln's Inn have ordered their books to be carefully looked into, and find that only two applications were made by two gentlemen to be called to the Bar that had been admitted, the one an Attorney, the other a Clerk in Court of Chancery. The name of one is Edward Benton, who now acts as Master of the King's Bench Court, who was called to the Bar the 26th day of May, 1769, but not before he had made an affidavit that he had not practiced as Attorney or Solicitor for two years then last past. The other instance was that of Nicholas Martyn, a Clerk in Chancery, who was called to the Bar the 7th day of February, 1770, but not before he had made affidavit that he had not practised directly or indirectly . . . for two years

p. 94.

* He is elsewhere called "Mr Joseph Sisson, Mathematician." B.B. XIV, p. 305.

[†] Robert Adam.

[‡] James Paine or Payne.

[§] Robert Taylor.

|| See *ante*, p. 374.

then last past. And no one who continues to practice has been called, nor should they think themselves authorized to call any one under such circumstances."

* John Stone, Esq., Barrister, has leave, at his own expense, to make a water closet, to lay on New River Water for the same, to alter the windows, and to make "a Buzaguloe Stove," at his chambers at No. 25, Gate House Court. He must employ the House workmen.

p. 96.

Council held on May 31st, 1771.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the future no carpets be beaten in the Garden . . . but such as belong to the gentlemen of this Society; and that the Steward do appoint a proper time and place in the Garden for that purpose."

p. 99.

Council held on June 6th, 1771.

Six Benchers present.

Mr Marriott, Secretary to the Trustees of Lincoln's Inn Fields, attended; he was desired to request the said Trustees to attend at the Council on the 19th instant, at 8 o'clock in the evening, "to consider what place may be most proper to station the watch-houses in Lincoln's Inn Fields."

Call to the Bar, June 10th, 1771:
Thomas Brown and Francis Hargrave.

p. 100.

Call to the Bar, June 17th, 1771: Richard Wilsford.

Council held on June 19th, 1771.

Eight Benchers present.

Call to the Bench: John Skynner, Esq., K.C.

p. 103.

Council held on July 4th, 1771.

Eight Benchers present.

The Steward is ordered to wait on the Secretary to the Trustees of Lincoln's Inn Fields, and request them to remove the watch-boxes now placed against the Terrace wall, as they are the cause of a very great nuisance to this Society and to the public in general.

"Ordered that the Land Tax for Thavy's Inn be paid."

Council held on November 6th, 1771.

p. 104.

Three Benchers present.

"Ordered that for the future in Michaelmas Term the commons for Saturdays, instead of tongues, be half a calves head, bacon, and greens."

"Ordered the same be in Hilary Term."

"Ordered that for the future in Easter Term the commons for Saturdays be a leg of lamb, and pigeon pies."

"Ordered that the same be in Trinity Term."

"Arthur Jones, Esq., Treasurer, . . . having informed the Benchers assembled in Council of a letter which he received from Mr Wilmot, acquainting him that the Lord Chancellor* had recommended it to his Majesty to make a present of the Journals † to this Society. They beg leave to return their most grateful respects to his Lordship, and hope he will be pleased to make their most dutiful thanks to his Majesty for his great favour graciously conferred upon them; and beg that the warrant for the books may be made out in the name of Robert Holden, Esq., their Librarian."

p. 105.

"The Society of Lincoln's Inn present their compliments to Mr Wilmot, and return him their thanks for the trouble he has had relating to the inclosed, and beg that he would be pleased to present the same to my Lord Chancellor."

Call to the Bar, November 23rd, 1771 :

p. 106.

Samuel Buck, Richard Paul Jodrell, Francis Talbot Scott, and Weston Helyar.

Call to the Bar, November 25th, 1771 :

Joseph Laurentius Littlehales, and Martin Bladen Hawke.

Council held on November 28th, 1771.

p. 107.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that Mr Nixon do apply to Mr William Graham for the Journals of the Lords and Commons mentioned in the Order dated the 27th of November, 1771, and signed George Rose."

"Ordered that the Order made the 23rd day of January, 1768, relating to persons being called to the degree of a Serjeant at Law, be reversed." ‡

* The Hon. Henry Bathurst; so appointed and created Baron Apsley, Jan. 23rd, 1771; succeeded as Earl Bathurst in 1775.

† Of the Houses of Lords and Commons. See below.

‡ See *ante*, p. 392.

p. 108. "Ordered that for the future members of this Society duly qualified, except as to their not having chambers at that time, be invited (notwithstanding such exception) to the Bench, on the usual terms."

p. 109. Council held on December 12th, 1771.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the Order for application to four gentlemen, viz.: Mr Adam, Mr Paine, Mr Brittingham and Mr Taylor, for drawing plans for rebuilding the old Inn, be discharged; and ordered that application be made to Mr Taylor solely, for the same purpose."*

Accounts of Arthur Jones, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1771, to Jan. 23rd, 1772.

Receipts: £3,389 11s. 6½d. Including £600 draft on Robert Child and Co.

Payments: £2,761 16s. 1d. Including £10 10s. and a purse 6s. to William de Grey, Esq., on his going out Serjeant †; £3 6s. for 12 water plates; £19 2s. 6d. for the Land Tax for Thavis Inn for 1769; £250 to Child and Co.

Balance: £627 15s. 5½d.

1772. Officers for 1772:

Treasurer: Alexander Wedderburn, Esq., Sol. Gen.

Master of the Library: Arthur Jones, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Theodore Johnson, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Peter Holford, Esq.

Master of the Walks: Lewis Jones, Esq.

p. 110. Council held on January 23rd, 12 George III, 1772.
Fourteen Benchers present.

p. 112. Joseph Pickering, one of the four Tancred Students, is appointed by the Treasurer to make the Latin oration.

‡ "Ordered that Mr Grint wait upon the Committee for the pavements at St Clement's, and acquaint them that this Society will not interfere with the charges made on the chambers in Serle's Court for the pavement in Serle's and Cary Streets, the said chambers being freehold, and liable to all such charges, exclusive of this Society."§

* See *ante*, p. 407. Mr. Paine and Mr. Matthew Brittingham supplied plans, etc., which are now in the Library.

† Appointed C.J.C.P., Jan, 25th, 1771.

‡ Serle's Court Book, I, p. 361.

§ See *post*, p. 415.

* "Ordered that the great gate in Serle's Court be opened for the admittance and going out of Sedan chairs."

Council held on February 12th, 1772.
Eight Benchers present.

p. 113.

On the petition of the Badge Porters and Watchmen of this Society, their pay of 1s. 3d. a night for watching in the Inn, is increased to 1s. 6d., to be paid quarterly, instead of half-yearly as heretofore. "And it is expected that for this indulgence the said Porters and Watchmen be strictly dilligent in their respective duties in all things relating to this Society."

p. 114.

"Ordered that no preference shall be given for the future with respect to the office of Treasurer, (except in the case of the Attorney General for the time being); but the senior Benchers who has served the other offices, and is next in turn, shall be Treasurer. And this to be a Standing Order."

p. 115.

Council held on May 6th, 1772.
Eight Benchers present.

p. 116.

"This Society having been applied to for payment of a Rate made for the pavement of Chancery Lane—It is Ordered that no Rate be paid by this Society for that purpose untill the Commissioners of Pavements do ascertain, and acknowledge the right of this Society to, the ground on the outside of the Garden wall of this Society in the said Lane, as far as where the posts stood, which were removed by Order of the said Commissioners."

"Ordered that for the future the name of the office of 'Washpott' of this Society be changed to that of the 'Fifth Butler,' and that £7 a year, additional to the present salary, be allowed to Isaac Stevens, the present officer, for his steady and diligent behaviour."

p. 118.

"Ordered that the Library Keeper do deliver Dugdale's *History of the Lincolnshire Fenns* to Mr Robert Kelham † of Hatton Garden, he giving a receipt for the same, and undertaking the redelivery of it within six weeks."

‡ "Upon the motion of John Coxe, Esq., one of the Masters of the Bench, that Theodore Johnson, Esq., one other of the Masters of the Bench, may, on payment of the sum of £20, be considered as if admitted to part of a chamber, there being no such chamber to be disposed of at present—It is ordered that the said Mr Johnson be considered in all respects as if he was admitted to

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 361.

† The well-known legal antiquary; adm. at L. I., July 8th, 1734. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

‡ Red Book III, p. 170.

a part of a chamber, on his payment of the said sum of £20 as a fine, with the usual fees, to the Treasurer . . . before the next Council."

[A like Order for (Job) Walden Hanmer, Esq.]

p. 119. Call to the Bar, May 23rd, 1772:
Joseph Pickering, (M.A., Oxon.), John Adams, John Butler, Nathaniel Thornbury, Abraham Charles Adye, and Richard Ingram.

p. 120. Council held on June 1st, 1772.
Seven Benchers present.

p. 121. "Ordered that the Commissioners for Pavements be desired to cause a minute to be entered in their book, declaring that the ground on the outside of the Garden wall of this Society, as far as where the boundary posts stood in Chancery Lane, now paved with flagg pavement, and being on a line with the present area, does not belong to the Publick; and that on such declaration being so entered, the Steward of this Society do forthwith pay the assessment charged on this Society for the pavement of the said Lane."

"This Council being informed that Messrs. Adams, Pain, and Wyatt intend to prepare plans for the rebuilding the old part of Lincoln's Inn, according to the former Order of the 17th day of April, 1771,*—It is ordered that M^r Grint, the Steward, do wait on them to know their intention relating thereto, and to desire that they do prepare such plans, and deliver the same to the Steward before the first day of next Michaelmas Term."

p. 122. Council held on June 19th, 1772.
Five Benchers present.

p. 123. M^r Grint is to call on M^r Adams, M^r Pain and M^r Brittingham to know if they intend to make plans for the new building of Lincoln's Inn; if so, the plans must be delivered before the first day of next term.

† Francis Burton and William Ainge, Barristers, having three whole chambers at No. 13, Dial Court, Chapel Row, two on the ground floor and one on the first floor, have leave to make at their own expense a bow window on the east side of the said chambers, they employing the workmen of the House.

p. 124. Call to the Bar, July 2nd, 1772:
William Jones, (M.A., Cantab.), Edward Poore, John Longley, Lancelot Brown, and Thomas Potter.

* See *ante*, p. 407.

† Red Book III, p. 176.

Council held on July 8th, 1772.

p. 125.

Nine Benchers present.

Lord Melbourne* has leave to compound his absent commons for his chambers at No. 7 and No. 8, Serle's Court.

"Ordered that upon Mr Middleton, the purchasor of Thavies Inn, paying or causing to be paid the remainder of his purchase money, (being £3,850, which with £50 allowed him for his law and other expences amounts to £3,900, and which with £200 before paid by him, making £4,100, is the full of his purchase money), into the hands of Messrs. Child and Co., to be placed to the account of this Society, the deeds and writings relating thereto be delivered to the said purchasor."

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A new clock is to be erected.

Council held on July 22nd, 1772.

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Seven Benchers present.

Ordered that £4,500 of the cash in the hands of Messrs. Child and Co. be laid out in the purchase of 3 per cent. Consolidated Bank Annuities, in the names of Alexander Wedderburn, Charles Ambler, Arthur Jones, John Coxe, junior, and Lewis Jones, Esquires, in trust for this Society.

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Call to the Bar, November 13th, 1772:
Thomas Ponton.

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Call to the Bench, November 19th, 1772:
George Lewis Newnham, Esq., K.C.

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Call to the Bar, November 26th, 1772:
John Hersent Thorpe and Rowland Burton.

Council held on December 14th, 1772.

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Seven Benchers present.

Call to the Bench:

John Soley, Esq., Walter Long, Esq., William Dod, Esq., Richard Ray, Esq., John Parry, Esq., and John Madocks, Esq.

Richard Ripley, Esq., Joseph Banks, Esq., Thomas Kymer, Esq., B[arham] Rushbrook, Esq., John Bell, Esq., Jeremiah Dyson, Esq., John Upton, Esq., Michael Biddulph, Esq., and Richard Wilbraham Bootle, were invited to the Bench at the same time, but refused. [pp. 134-136.]

* Sir Peniston Lamb, Bart.; adm. at L.I. June 12, 1769; created Baron Melbourne, 1770. He had two chambers at No. 7, on the first floor, and two at No. 8, on the ground and second floors.

- p. 143. "Ordered, in case any demands shall be made on this Society from the several parishes claiming dues thereon, or in case any extraordinary demands be made from the Commissioners of Paving, that M^r Pardoe be appointed Sollicitor to defend the rights of this Society."

Accounts of Alexander Wedderburn, Esq., Solicitor General, from Jan. 23rd, 1772, to Jan. 23rd, 1773.

Receipts: £4,420 6s. 8½d. Including £604 8s. for absent commons; £968 for chamber fines; £1 from the executors of George Wanley Bowes, for ground under the Chapel*; £370 from Child & Co. by draft.

Payments: £3,909 18s. 1d. Including £10 10s. to William Kempe, going out Serjeant, and 6s. for a purse; the like for George Hill; £1,270 to Child and Co.

Balance: £510 8s. 7½d.

1773. Officers for 1773:

Treasurer: Levet Blackborne, Esq.

Master of the Library: Alexander Wedderburn, Esq., Sol. Gen.

Dean of the Chapel: Owen Salusbury Brereton, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Lewis Jones, Esq.

Master of the Walks: James Wallace, Esq., K.C.

- p. 143. Council held on January 23rd, 13 George III, 1773.
Nine Benchers present.

- p. 145. John Sayer, gentleman, is appointed to make the Tancred oration on Feb. 2nd.

"Ordered that no carriages whatever be permitted to enter in at Chancery Lane Gate, between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock in the forenoon, on every Sunday during Divine Service in the Chappel of this Society."

"Ordered that £40 be paid to M^r Clarke, the bricklayer of this Society, in full for his bill for the surveying and planing of Thavies and Lincoln's Inn."

- p. 146. Call to the Bar, January 29th, 1773: Henry Jodrell.
- p. 148. Call to the Bar, February 5th, 1773: Robert Hudson.
- p. 151. Council held on February 26th, 1773.
Ten Benchers present.

* Buried Feb. 29th.

* "Ordered that M^r Pardoe do on behalf of this Society appeal to the Committee of the parish, precinct, or liberty in which Lincoln's Inn is, against the rate or assessment made upon Serle's Court in pursuance of the Act of the 11th Geo. 3rd for rendering more effectual several acts made relating to paving, cleaning and lighting the squares, streets, lanes, and other places, within the City and Liberty of Westminster and parts adjacent; and that M^r Pardoe do prosecute such appeal."

* "Whereas a representation of the Members of this Society having Chambers in Serle's Court hath been made to us, that they have been assessed by the Committee of St Clement's Danes the sum of £213, instead of the sum of £25 assessed upon those chambers, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament, as part of the Inn. And whereas at a Council held on the 23rd day of January, 1772, an Order was made by the Benchers of this Society then present, of which a minute was made (as usual) in the words following, viz. :—'M^r Grint to wait upon the Committee at St Clement's to let them know the Society do not interfere with charges on Serle's Court, which are freeholds, and pay all charges on those sides of Serle's Court.' And whereas the proper officer of this Society, in drawing up the Order hereinafter mentioned from the said minutes, misapprehended the true sense thereof, and prepared the same in the words following, viz. :—'Ordered that M^r Grint wait upon the Committee for the pavements at St Clement's, and acquaint them that this Society will not interfere with the charges made on the chambers in Serle's Court for the pavements in Serle's and Cary Streets, the said chambers being freehold, and liable to all such charges, exclusive of this Society.' And whereas by the true sense of such minutes the said Order did not declare, nor was the same intended to declare, that the freehold chambers in Serle's Court were excluded out of or were not part of this Society—It is therefore ordered that so much of the said Order as consists in the words, 'exclusive of this Society', be discharged.

"And it is resolved that this Society take proper measures for defending the said members from the payment of the said tax of £213, it appearing to us that the chambers in Serle's Court have always been assessed to all publick rates as a part of the Inn, and have paid all duties to the Inn; and that out of the fund, consisting of their payments as well as others, the payment for the new pavement in Chancery Lane has been defrayed. And it not having been the intention of the Bench to declare that Serle's

* Serle's Court Book, I, p. 367.

Court was no part of the Inn, but merely that they ought to pay the assessment for their own chambers, as part of the Inn,—and therefore it is ordered that the payment of £25 be for the present advanced by the Treasurer, and paid to the Collector of the Paving Rate; and that the same be re-embursed to the Society, and collected in the same manner and proportions as other taxes and assessments paid by the Society on account of Serle's Court are collected."

*Extraordinary Council held on April 16th, 1773.

Six Benchers present.

* "Ordered that endeavours be used with the Commissioners of Westminster Pavement to postpone for a fortnight the hearing of the appeal brought by the owners and occupiers of Chambers in Serle's Court against the rate made on them. But if such adjournment cannot be obtained, in that case it is ordered that the Orders contained in the Black Book Lib. 9, and the Articles of Agreement between M^r Serle and this Society, be produced by M^r Grint, and also Serle's Court Book; and that notice of this Order be given to such of the proprietors of chambers in Serle's Court as are resident there."

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Council held on June 11th, 1773.

Six Benchers present.

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"Ordered that the Watchmen of this Society who shall be appointed for the evening watch do go upon duty at 6 o'clock in the evening during the months of October, November, December, and January; and at 8 o'clock during the months of February, March, April, and May; and at 9 o'clock during the months of June, July, August, and September; and that such Watchmen be allowed and paid 6d. per night for such their evening watch, over and besides what is paid for the nightly watch."

"Ordered that the porters of this Society do take particular care to keep beggars, and all persons crying of old cloaths and other things, out of the districts of this Inn, and to cause all such persons to depart therefrom. And whereas divers nuisances are committed by persons laying ashes and other soil in the Courts of this Inn, This is to give notice that whoever shall be found so offending, will be prosecuted, and a reward of 2s. 6d. for information paid by the Steward of this Society."

"Ordered that the above-mentioned Order be stuck up in proper and convenient places about this Inn, as conspicuous as possible."

* Serle's Court Book I, p. 369.

Call to the Bar, June 21st, 1773: *p.* 158.
William Hoar, George Story, David Murray, James Kirkpatrick, and Shoulden Lawrence.

Council held on July 14th, 1773. *p.* 160.
Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the windows on the south side of the Library *p.* 161.
be made new, and that the windows elsewhere in the said Library
be repaired."

Council held on July 28th, 1773. *p.* 162.
Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that Mr Pardoe do apply to Samuel Phipps, Esq.,
a Barrister of this Society, to prepare a draught of a Bill in
Parliament for the better enabling this Society to enforce their
Regulations and Orders, and also the better to establish the
Agreement formerly made by this Society with Henry Serle, Esq.,
and to explain the several Acts of Parliament relating to Taxes
and Parochial Duties, so far as they relate to this Society." *

Call to the Bar, November 12th, 1773: *p.* 164.
Charles Webster, Godfrey Webster, junior, and John
Campbell.

Call to the Bar, November 26th, 1773: *p.* 165.
Richard Gilpin and William Withers.

Council held on November 29th, 1773.
Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the three bills for law charges, amounting to *p.* 167.
£17 9s. 1d., for prosecuting and defending the suits relating to
William Turner, a Badge Porter, and William Britchfoot, a
Supernumerary Watchman of this Society, for an assault on them,
on their duty, be paid; but that no such kind of bill be paid for
the future, unless the matter be first laid before the Masters of the
Bench."

Council held on December 13th, 1773. *p.* 169.
Nine Benchers present.

† "Upon the humble petition of the occupiers of the shops
under the gateway leading into Serle Street, setting forth that the
Watchmen of this Society are negligent, and refuse to give any
assistance in protecting the said shops from being robbed, under
pretence that the care of the said shops is no part of their duty—
It is ordered that the several Watchmen of this Society be for the

* See Appendix.

† Serle's Court Book, I, p. 371.

future strictly carefull in protecting the said shops from being robbed, as much as any other part of the premises belonging to this Society."

Accounts of Levet Blackborne, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1773, to Jan. 23rd, 1774.

Receipts: £2,889 5s. 1½d. Including £42 from the Hon. John Yorke, two years' rent for No. 5; £8 from Henry Leigh, one year's rent of Furnival's Inn; £25 from the Duke Montagu,* one year's rent, No. 23.

Payments: £2,873 16s. 3d. Including £240 os. 10d. for Land Tax for 1771; £2 2s. for 2 crab sticks; 18s. for 2 pair of scales to weigh gold; £10 10s. to James Pearson for staining M^r Payler's, M^r Holden's and M^r Arthur Jones's arms in glass.

Balance: £15 8s. 10½d.

1774. Officers for 1774:

Treasurer: [Job] Walden Hanmer, Esq.

Master of the Library: Levit Blackburne, Esq.

Dean of the Chapel: Peter Holford, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: Sir Anthony Thomas Abdy, Bart., K.C.

Master of the Walks: John Skynner, Esq., K.C.

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Council held on January 21st, 14 George III, 1774.

Nine Benchers present.

"Ordered that the sum of £25 2s. 6d. be paid to the Collector of Duties for paving the streets for the Parish of St Clement's Danes, pursuant to an Order of Council made on the 26th day of February, 1773; and that all subsequent rates be also paid accordingly." †

p. 171.

Council held on January 24th, 1774.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that a petition of the like kind with that of Gray's Inn (*mutatis mutandis*) be prepared by M^r Pardoe, to be signed by a competent number of the Benchers of this Society; and that Alexander Wedderburn, Esq., his Majestie's Sollicitor General, James Wallace, Esq., Charles Ambler, Esq., John Skynner, Esq., or Walden Hanmer, Esq., be requested to present the same on Wednesday next to the Honourable House of Commons." ‡

* Presumably George Brudenell, 4th Earl of Cardigan and 2nd Duke of Montagu. He does not appear to have been a member of the Inn.

† See *ante*, p. 415.

‡ See Appendix.

Soulden Lawrence, Esq., one of the Tancred Students, is to *p.* 172.
make the Latin oration on February 2nd.

Council held on January 28th, 1774. *p.* 173.

Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the several instances wherein this Society have relieved their poor members, officers and servants, when they have been unable to provide for themselves, be collected from the different books of this Society, and that a copy of all such Orders be delivered to M^r Pardoe, in order to support the allegations in the Petition of this Society, now depending in Parliament."

Call to the Bar, February 3rd, 1774 : *p.* 174.
James Templer, William Brodie, and William Grant.

Council held on February 12th, 1774.

Six Benchers present.

Lord Camden has leave to compound his absent commons for *p.* 176.
his chambers at No. 4, Serle Court.

"Ordered that M^r Grint do wait on the Master of the Walks, *p.* 177.
and desire him to inform the Bench what is doing in the Garden ;
and to apprise him of the Standing Order of this Society, that not
above £5 be laid out without the special Order of the Masters of
the Bench."

"Ordered that M^r Grint do, on behalf of this Society, offer
M^r Delaet the sum of £500 for his chambers, upon his, M^r Delaet's,
paying his dues."*

Council held on April 20th, 1774. *p.* 179.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that the sum of 4s. a week be paid by M^r Grint, *p.* 180.
the Steward of this Society, to M^{rs} Britchfoot for nursing of George
Lincoln,† the foundling dropped in this Inn on the 14th of
February last, and that the said M^r Grint do make enquiry for a
nurse to take care of the said child for the future."

Call to the Bar, May 4th, 1774: *p.* 182.
Randal Ford and Gilbert Elliot.

Council held on May 16th, 1774. *p.* 183.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that the two uppermost urns on the ends of the
Chappel, being in danger of falling down, be properly secured."

* The chambers were at No. 15, Old Buildings.

† Baptised in the Chapel, March 18th.

Council held on June 3rd, 1774.

Five Benchers present.

- p. 184. "Ordered that the west end of the Chappel, on the outside, be stoccoed."

- p. 185. Call to the Bar, June 16th, 1774 :

Henry Atherton, George Arnold Sargent, William Houghton, and Crisp Sheard Molineux.

- p. 186. Council held on June 22nd, 1774.

Ten Benchers present.

- p. 187. "Upon reading the Memorial of the Accountant General and Deputy Registers of the High Court of Chancery, setting forth that an Act had passed this session of Parliament * for erecting proper offices for the Registers and Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, and for purchasing ground and houses necessary for those purposes, to be conveyed to and vested in Thomas Anguish, Esq., Accountant General of the said Court, to hold to him and his successors for ever, in trust for the purposes mentioned in the said Act concerning the said Offices ; And that the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor † had expressed his pleasure to have such Offices erected in Lincoln's Inn in case the Masters of the Bench should think proper to grant ground for those purposes ; and that the Memorialists, being desirous to fullfill his Lordship's intentions as far as in their power, desired to be informed whether it would be convenient and agreeable to the Masters of the Bench to grant a piece of ground for the purposes aforesaid—It is ordered that it be referred to a Committee of such of the Masters of the Bench as shall meet in the Council Chamber on the 27th of this instant June, at 8 o'clock in the evening, to consider whether there is any and what plot of ground belonging to this Society fit and proper for the purposes mentioned in the Memorial of the Accountant General and Deputy Registers of the High Court of Chancery, and to report their opinion in writing at the next Adjourned Council ; and that all the Masters of the Bench be specially summoned to receive the said report ; and that the Memorial be taken into consideration at the next Adjourned Council upon the said report ; and that the Memorialists have notice of the said Committee, and be desired to attend the same."

"Ordered that for the future no person be called to the Bench unless such person be proposed by one of the Masters of the

* 14 George III, cap. 43.

† Henry Bathurst, Lord Apsley, afterwards Earl Bathurst.

Bench then present, and such proposal seconded by another Master of the Bench."

"Ordered that M^r Grint, the Steward of this Society, do wait on the Right Hon. Sir Fletcher Norton, Knight, Speaker of the House of Commons, and one of the Masters of the Bench of this Society, to desire his permission for putting up his arms in the Hall of this Society."

"Ordered that for the future the dinner of this Society during *p.* 188. term time be served up precisely at 4 o'clock in the afternoon."

Council held on July 8th, 1774.

p. 189.

Thirteen Benchers present.

"Ordered that the following answer be given to the Memorial of the Accountant General and Deputy Registers of the High Court of Chancery:—That the Masters of the Bench are very desirous to comply with the pleasure of the Lord Chancellor to have the Offices of the Accountant General and the Registers erected in Lincoln's Inn, and have appointed Alexander Wedderburn, Esq., his Majestie's Sollicitor General, Charles Ambler, Esq., and P. Holford, Esq., three of the Masters of the Bench, to treat and agree with the Accountant General and the Registers for that purpose, subject to the approbation of the Bench, and to report the same at the next Council"

Council held on July 15th, 1774.

p. 190.

Eleven Benchers present.

"The Committee named in the Order dated the 8th day of this inst. July, reported that they had consulted with M^r Taylor, and made the following proposal to the Registers and Accountant General, and also to the gentlemen of the Six Clerks Office, viz. :—

"The Society of Lincoln's Inn can allow a space of ground of about 300 feet in length by 40 in breadth, clear and detached from all buildings, for the accommodation of the Registers, the Accountant General, and the Six Clerks. The Society of Lincoln's Inn desires therefore to be informed how much space the gentlemen of the several Offices require, what will be the plan of their building, and on what terms they propose to take the ground, whether upon payment of a sum in gross, or by the reservation of rent.

"The Society has no restrictions to propose, except that the *p.* 191. plan of the intended building may be conformable to the general plan of building new Chambers which the Society has now in view; and that, if any persons are ever permitted to live in the Offices, they may be made subject to the rules and discipline of Lincoln's Inn.'

"And that the following answers were received, viz:—

"In answer to the proposal made by the Society of Lincoln's Inn, the Accountant General and Registers are desirous of having their offices built on the southermost part of the vacant ground next Chancery Lane; that the space necessary for those offices will be 140 feet in length and 40 feet in breadth; they propose to purchase the ground of the Society with a sum in gross; that the buildings shall be a ground floor and one story over it, and that the plan of each front shall be such as the Society shall approve; and they don't intend that any person (except a porter) shall live in their offices."

"In answer to the proposal made by the Society of Lincoln's Inn, the Sworn Clerks of the Court of Chancery are desirous of having their Office built upon the southermost part of the vacant ground in Lincoln's Inn, upon the following terms:—that the ground for the office be 180 feet in length and 50 feet in breadth, in range from the east end of the Chapel, the breadth to include areas; that the Society be restrained from erecting any building within 70 feet of the west side of the ground proposed for the office, or within 20 feet of the south side; the ground between the place proposed for the new building and Chancery Lane to remain vacant for the use of the Office; the freehold, according to the Act, must be vested in the Six Clerks and their successors; this answer must be submitted to the consideration of the Lord Chancellor, and will require the consent of the Six Clerks, who are at present out of town; the price must be intirely submitted to the Lord Chancellor, but the payment postponed till after the building in compleated and paid for."

p. 192. "Resolved to agree to let the Registers and Accountant General have a quantity of ground out of the Garden, next Chancery Lane, 120 feet in length and 40 feet in width, according to their first proposal; the price to be settled between M^r Sollicitor General, M^r Ambler and M^r Holford, on the part of the Society, and the Registers and Accountant General, with the approbation of the Lord Chancellor; and that M^r Taylor set out the ground; and that the consideration of the proposal with respect to the ground to be granted for building the Six Clerks' Office, be postponed 'till after the Six Clerks have been consulted in relation thereto."

"Ordered that M^r Taylor be desired to treat for the purchase of the public house and the bake house at the upper end of the Gardens, for the use of this Society; and to report whether the proprietors are willing to sell the same, and at what price."

"Ordered that M^r Taylor be desired to prepare a plan for

carrying on the building of new chambers, and to lay the same before the Society."

"Ordered that it be referred to Peter Holford, Esq., and John Madocks, Esq., two of the Masters of the Bench, to treat with the proprietors of the chambers in Garden Row, for the purchase of their several interests therein."

Council held on July 28th, 1774.

p. 193.

Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that notice be given to the Committee of Paving that the Society of Lincoln's Inn intend to take in their ground which runs along the wall of their Garden in Chancery Lane, to the line where the old posts stood, and to desire them to take away the flat stone pavement which they have laid thereon."

"Resolved that the Benchers of this Society do approve of the general plan of the ground plott of the buildings in Lincoln's Inn, proposed to be erected, which hath been prepared by M^r Taylor, and signed by him on this day, and marked with the letter A.*" p. 194.

"Ordered that the said plan be laid before M^r Norris and M^r Robinson, surveyors employed by the Accountant General and Registers and by the Six Clerks, for their approbation of the dimensions and situation of the ground allotted in the said plan for their offices; and in case they shall approve thereof, that M^r Taylor do mark out the ground, according to the said plan, for both or either of the said offices which shall be so approved of; and that it be referred to M^r Taylor to make drawings of the elevation of all the said buildings in the said general plan; and that the elevations of the above-mentioned offices be proposed to the said surveyors for their approbation; and in case the same be approved, it is resolved that the building of the said offices do conform to such elevation.

"Ordered that when the said plan and elevation shall be approved of, that the Accountant General and Registers be requested to have an estimate made of the expence of building their Offices, according to the said plan and elevation, and to furnish this Society with a copy thereof; and that the like request be made to the Six Clerks."

Council held on August 2nd, 1774.

p. 195.

Six Benchers present.

"M^r Norris, surveyor employed by the Accountant General

* The new chambers designed by Taylor form Nos. 1 to 6, Stone Buildings, (No. 7, was added in 1845); the Six Clerks' Office is now used for the Drill Hall of the Inns of Court Volunteers, and for other purposes. The Registers' and Accountant General's Offices are now turned into chambers, and numbered 8, 9, and 11, Stone Buildings.

and the Registers of the Court of Chancery, attending and approving of the plan of elevation for their Offices, marked C, and signed by M^r Taylor; and M^r Dickens, one of the Registers of the said Court, being present and informing the Bench that the Lord Chancellor had seen the said plans, and approved thereof—Resolved that the building for the said Offices be according to that plan." An estimate of the cost shall be made by M^r Taylor, on behalf of the Society, and M^r Norris, on behalf of the Accountant General and the Registers.

"Ordered that M^r Taylor be desired to produce at the next Council an estimate of the expence of building the carcass of the chambers, according to the general plan."

"Ordered that the bason in the Garden be filled up, and the lead and other materials be disposed of to the best advantage."

"Ordered that Lord Chancellor Yorke's arms be put up in the Hall, if agreeable to the family."*

p. 196. Council held on August 6th, 1774.

Six Benchers present.

"Resolved that the plan marked B, and the elevation marked D, be approved of as the plan and elevation of the chambers contained in the general plan."

"Ordered that M^r Clarke, the bricklayer employed by this Society, build the basement story of seven setts of chambers in the Garden, according to M^r Taylor's plan of the building, extending northward from the plan of the intended Hall 240 feet in the east front, and 219 feet 9 inches on the west front, under the direction of M^r Taylor."

p. 197. "Ordered that the arms of the Right Hon. the Lord High Chancellor be put up in the Hall, if he shall approve of the same."†

In pursuance of the Order of July 15th last, M^r Taylor makes the following report:—

p. 198. "The fee of the public house and bakehouse, adjoining to the north east end of the north wall of the Garden, is the property of St Bartholomew's Hospital, and, with three other houses adjoining, are in lease to M^r Joseph Keene,‡ on a term of which 17 years will be unexpired at Michaelmas next. . . . But to avoid keeping the gentlemen of the Register and Six Clerks Offices longer in suspense, the plan may be varied agreeable to the outlines herewith delivered, which allots for the Offices of those gentlemen a piece of ground in length from north to south 319 feet and in

* The Hon. Charles Yorke, second son of Philip, Earl of Hardwicke. He was appointed Chancellor in succession to Lord Camden, Jan. 17th, 1770, and died three days afterwards.

† Henry Bathurst, Lord Apsley.

‡ See *ante*, pp. 345, 346.

width from east to west 60 feet, opposite the centre building intended for a Hall, by which the north and south ends of those Offices will be equally contiguous to the Hall. The intended buildings on other parts of the ground contain a Library, Hall, and 160 setts of chambers."

Call to the Bar, November 12th, 1774:
Michael Angelo Taylor.*

Council held on December 12th, 1774.

Five Benchers present.

M^r Taylor having certified that the work done by M^r Clarke *p.* 199. exceeds the sum of £1,000, Ordered that that sum be paid to him on account.

The Registers and Accountant General, being satisfied with the site, plans, &c., of the proposed new Offices to be built for them, wish "to have a conveyance of the said space of ground, with proper indemnities, that they may begin their buildings early in the spring."

"Ordered that conveyances be prepared of so much of the *p.* 200. said ground as shall be allotted for the Accountant General and Registers Offices."†

Accounts of Sir Walden Hanmer, Baronet,‡ from Jan. 23rd, 1774, to Jan. 23rd, 1775.

Receipts: £4,621 15s. 6½d. Including £1 for the burial of John Roberts under the Chapel; the like for C. Pryor and N. Templeman; £285 13s. 4d. for chamber fines; £1,525 by drafts on Messrs. Child and Co.

Payments: £4,382 13s. 3d. Including £10 10s. each to James Adair and Nash Grose, Serjeants at Law, with purses; £525 to Charles Delaet for his chambers at No. 15; £10 10s. for 3 Treasurers' arms; Dec. 12th, £1,000 to M^r Clarke on account of the new building; £250 to Child & Co.

Balance: £239 2s. 3½d.

Officers for 1775:

1775.

Treasurer: John Cox, junior, Esq.

Master of the Library: Sir Walden Hanmer, Bart.

Dean of the Chapel: Lewis Jones, Esq.

Keeper of the Black Book: James Wallace, Esq., K.C.

Master of the Walks: George Lewis Newnham, Esq., K.C.

* Son of Robert Taylor, the architect. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

† The Orders relating to these offices and those for the Six Clerks are very numerous, and many of them very lengthy. A selection only is here printed.

‡ So created, May 21st, 1774.

p. 204. Council held on January 23rd, 15 George III, 1775.
Eight Benchers present.

"Ordered that the consideration of M^r Pardoe's bill, amounting to £313 18s. 4d. for law charges in trying the action, Middleton against Fielding, Knight, relating to the New Square being rateable to the Poors Rates, and for soliciting a Bill in Parliament relating to the same matter, and an appeal from a rate made by the Commissioners of Pavement on a dispute between them and the said Inn, be adjourned to the next Council."*

p. 205. "Ordered, with the approbation of James Wallace, Esq., the Black Book Keeper for the present year, that the Black Book and other books wherein are entered the Orders of this Society be deposited in the Steward's Office, under the care of the Steward, to be by him safely kept and locked up in the said Office, and not to be produced to any person who is not a Bencher of this Society, without an Order of the Bench; And, that for the present year John Rawson† be the Deputy Black Book Keeper; And for the future the Deputy to be nominated by the Principal Black Book Keeper for the time being, and that the said Deputy be allowed to receive for his own use and benefit, all the fees accruing therefrom."

Joseph Pickering, one of the Tancred Students, is appointed to make the Latin oration, on February 2nd next.

p. 208. Call to the Bar, January 26th, 1775:
John Gascoyne Fanshaw, Barwell Browne, and John Parry.

p. 209. Call to the Bar, February 10th, 1775: Thomas Orde.

p. 213. Council held on March 1st, 1775.
Six Benchers present.

The price of the piece of land to be sold for the new Offices for the Registers and Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, being 111 feet 6 in. in length and 54 feet 6 in. in depth, is fixed at £3,000.

p. 214. Council held on March 8th, 1775.
Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that Robert Taylor, Esq., be desired to wait upon

* See Appendix.

† The Third Butler.

the several gentlemen proprietors of chambers in Garden Row hereafter mentioned, to know from them upon what terms they will dispose of their several chambers." [A list follows.]

Council held on March 10th, 1775.

p. 216.

Six Benchers present.

M^r Taylor reports that the following gentlemen are willing to sell their chambers in Garden Row for the prices mentioned, and that he thinks the prices are reasonable:—

M^r Long, No. 6, £500; M^r Bell, No. 7, £367 10s.; M^r Ford, No. 7, £600; M^r Skynner, No. 7, £420; M^r Prime, No. 8, £525.

"Ordered that Robert Taylor, Esq., the Surveyor, be paid the sum of £72 12s., being his commission money at £5 per cent. on the money laid out for the work already done for the new buildings."

Council held March 20th, 1775.

p. 219.

Six Benchers present.

[Scheme for completing the new buildings begun in the Garden, proposed by a Committee of the Bench appointed for that purpose, and now approved of, and ordered to be carried into execution.]*

"That the building in the Garden be compleated, and divided into setts of chambers, according to M^r Taylor's plan markt B and D, and approved of in Council on the 6th day of August, 1774.

"That such members of the Society as shall be willing to become purchasors of the said setts of chambers respectively, and shall be approved of in Council, be at liberty to contract for the same."

[Here follows a table of the amounts to be paid for the sets in the first, second, third and fourth staircases from the south end of the building †; the amounts vary from £809 15s. 4d. for the ground floor of the second staircase (No. 5), to £161 14s. 5³/₄d. for the attic floor north of the fourth staircase (No. 3)].

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"That an interest shall be granted in the said chambers to the tenants thereof for the lives of three persons and the survivor of them, and, after the death of the survivor, for the life of one other person; such lives to be named by the proprietor of such chambers respectively—the three lives at the time the last

p. 222.

* The main provisions alone are here inserted.

† Now numbered 6, 5, 4 and 3, respectively, in Stone Buildings.

payment shall be made, and the last life within one month, after the death of the survivor of the three lives—and left with the Treasurer of the Society. And in case the said four lives shall drop before the expiration of 75 years, to be computed from the end of one month after the said carcase, etc., shall be finished, then for and during and until the end of the said 75 years. . . .

"That the said tenants of the said chambers respectively shall pay to the Society the following rents, by half yearly payments." :—

[Here follows a table of rents, ranging from £11 os. 9½d. for the ground floor of the second staircase (No. 5), to £2 4s. 1½d. for the attic floor north of the fourth staircase (No. 3)].

p. 224. The tenants of the said chambers shall be admitted in the usual way.

Power of nominating new tenants by persons beneficially interested.

Tenants to pay fees and duties to the Society, and their proportion of taxes and assessments.

p. 225. "The said chambers respectively shall not be occupied by any person not a member of the Society, nor shall any profession, trade, or business, be carried on therein, save the profession of the Law."

"Every proprietor of the said chambers shall be at liberty to fit up the same in such manner as he shall think fit, at his own expense; but not to alter any part of the front or outside of the said buildings, or the inside walls, or cut any of the principal timbers."

p. 227. Council held on April 5th, 1775.
Five Benchers present.

"Complaint being made that the Badge Porters of this Society neglect to watch and do their duty in the Inn—It is ordered that for the future all the Badge Porters watch and do their duty in their turns, and that they be subject to and obey the Chief Porter of the night, or such person as by him, through illness or any just cause, may occasionally be appointed in his stead. And in case any of them refuse or neglect so to do, that information thereof be given to the Benchers in Council, who will proceed against the offenders with severity."

p. 228. Council held on April 11th, 1775.
Five Benchers present.

The Gentlemen of the Six Clerks Office now offer £8089 for

the piece of ground parallel with the new buildings, and adjoining the piece of ground agreed to be granted for the offices of the Registers of the Court of Chancery and the Accomptant General, and this sum has been approved of by the Chancellor. Resolved that it be accepted.

[Here follows a lengthy extract from the proposed conveyance, giving a minute description of the plot of land referred to, with its dimensions and boundaries, the agreement as to the buildings to be erected thereon, etc.]

Council held on May 3rd, 1775.

p. 232.

Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that the arms of the Right Rev. Richard Hurd, Lord Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry,* be put up in the Hall, if his Lordship shall approve of the same."

Call to the Bar, May 11th, 1775:
Philip Gell, and Thomas Henry Davies.

p. 233.

Extraordinary Council held on May 12th, 1775.

p. 234.

Eight Benchers present.

"We whose names are subscribed, proprietors of chambers in Garden Row in Lincoln's Inn, do severally propose to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn as follows:—

"That the chambers respectively belonging to us be considered as being of the several values set opposite to our respective names.

"That one seventh part of such respective values be paid to us respectively by the Society within one month next after they shall have received the consideration money for the ground on which the Six Clerks' Office shall be built. . . .

"That we or our assigns will, at any time hereafter when required by the Society, surrender up our respective chambers to the Society upon payment to us or our assigns of the residue of the aforesaid values of our respective chambers, after a deduction thereout of the said seventh part of the value so received by us as aforesaid, having two years' notice of the intention of the Society to require the same. But in case any of our chambers fall in to the Society by death in the meantime, this article is to be void as to such chambers. p. 235.

* Consecrated Feb. 12th, 1775; translated to Worcester, 1781. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

John Madocks -	No. 9	Two pair, three pair and garrets; at such price as the Bench shall think fit -	£ —
Richard Calvert -	No. 7	Two pair, three pair, and garrets - - - - -	600.
John Gascoyne Fanshaw	No. 7	One pair, at such price as the Bench shall think fit -	—
Thomas Ponton -	No. 9	One pair - - - - -	650.
J. Knight - - -	No. 8	One pair - - - - -	700.
Samuel Purlawent	No. 8	Two pair of stairs, three pair, and garrets - - - - -	600.
Samuel Aubery -	No. 8	Two pair of stairs - - - - -	525.
Sir John Russell	No. 9	One pair of stairs, by M ^r Knight- - - - -	650.
George Jones- -	No. 9	Ground floor- - - - -	650.
George Jones- -	No. 6	Three pair of stairs, and garrets - - - - -	160.
Samuel Prime -	No. 8	Ground floor - - - - -	525.
Randle Ford - -	No. 7	Ground floor - - - - -	600.
John Parry - -	No. 7	Two pair, three pair, and garrets - - - - -	600."

p. 236. M^r Taylor is to value the chambers which will be injured by the new buildings, and to settle what compensation should be given to the respective proprietors.

p. 237. Council held on May 29th, 1775.
Seven Benchers present.

"Resolved that the Society contribute £2000 towards the expence of the drains, areas, &c., of the new intended building in Lincoln's Inn; and that the subscriptions for the chambers be reduced one-eighth on that account."

p. 238. "Resolved that for the future the chambers which shall fall into the Society be not let for lives, but from year to year, at a rack rent, till further Order."

p. 239. Council held on June 16th, 1775.
Five Benchers present.

"Ordered that it be referred to any two of the Masters of the Bench of this Society to view the several chambers now in the disposition of the House, in order to set a value or rent on the said respective chambers."

Call to the Bar, June 30th, 1775 :
John Wolfe, and James Stephens.

p. 241.

Council held on July 5th, 1775.
Seven Benchers present.

"Ordered that the books belonging to the Library of this Society be removed out of the Preacher's chambers where they now are, and that the same be deposited in the chambers lately purchased of M^r Delaet, No. 15 in the Old Buildings; and that notice be forthwith given to the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry,* the Preacher, that the Benchers have quitted his chambers; and ordered that the said chambers be properly cleaned, and put in decent repair, for the benefit of the said Preacher."

"Ordered that a temporary place for the clock be forthwith erected where the old clock was heretofore placed." p. 242.

"Complaint having been made to the Bench that M^r Duncombe keeps dogs in his chambers, to the annoyance of the gentlemen of the same staircase—Ordered that he discontinue keeping dogs there, it being contrary to the Rules of this Society."

† The chambers at No. 6, in the Old Building, two pair of stairs, north, are to be painted, whitewashed, etc., and let at a rent of £30, but not for any term exceeding three years. "Let to William Fitzherbert, Esq."

† The chambers at No. 13, "consisting of a ground floor with a kitchen and other conveniences under the same, and a one pair of stairs floor," are let to John Parry, Esq., Bencher, at £50 a year. He is excused from paying taxes and duties for the said chambers.

† The garrets at No. 13 in the Old Buildings are let to John Coxe, Esq., the Treasurer, at £5 a year. He is excused from paying taxes and duties for the same, and is allowed £5 for repairs.

† George Hill, Esq., Serjeant at Law, Samuel Phipps, Esq., and George Wilmot, Esq., occupiers of chambers at No. 11, Serle's Court, complain that the Overseers of the Poor or Collectors of the Poores Rates for the Parish of S^t Clement Danes, have assessed them for Poor Rate; whereas the whole of M^r Phipps's and M^r Wilmot's chambers and the greater part of M^r Hill's chamber is built upon ground belonging to this Society. At the late trial in the Court of King's Bench, concerning the

* Dr. Hurd.

† Red Book III, p. 210. These are the first Orders recorded for letting chambers at a rent, though the practice evidently was not new; see *ante*, p. 354.

† Serle's Court Book, I, pp. 375-7.

assessment of several chambers in the New Square, it was admitted by the Counsel for the Parish that the inhabitants of chambers anciently belonging to the Society were not liable to be taxed to the poor, and that the old Inn was extra parochial.*

p. 249. [A long report from M^r Taylor as to the value of chambers in
p. 250. Garden Row, giving the names of the proprietors and occupiers, and the value of each set ; dated May 12th, 1775.]

p. 251. Articles of Agreement indented made concluded and agreed upon this 10th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1775, Between Emmanuel Williams of the Borough of Southwark, mason, of the one part, and Thomas Grint, for and on the part and behalf of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn of the other part, being the contract for the completion of the four staircases already begun in the Garden ; to be finished on or before June 24th, 1778, under the direction and inspection of Robert Taylor, one of the joint Architects of his Majesty's Works, Esquire ; the contract price was £13,548 ; etc., etc.

p. 260. Call to the Bar, November 23rd, 1775 :
Herbert Croft, Peter Johnston, Edward Hilliard, and Capel Lofft.

p. 264. Council held on December 12th, 1775.
Six Benchers present.

"Ordered that the whole of the Three per cent. Consolidated Bank Annuities belonging to this Society . . . be sold . . . And that the money arising by sale thereof be paid into the shop of Messrs. Robert Child and Co., and that John Coxe, junior, Esq., the present Treasurer of this Society, and Charles Ambler, Esq., or any other Master of the Bench with the said Treasurer, be at liberty to draw upon the said Messrs. Child and Co. for the whole of the said money so arising by sale as aforesaid, or any part thereof, upon the certificate of M^r Taylor, pursuant to the Articles of Agreement entered into by the Contractors for building the new chambers, to pay them, so far as the same will extend, for work done by them to the 25th of December next."

Accounts of John Coxe, junior, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Jan. 23rd, 1775, to Jan. 23rd, 1776.

Receipts : £3,610 3s. 2½d. Including £231 3s. 4d. for admittances to the House, at £3 3s. 4d. each ; £524 12s. by draft on Robert Child, Esq., & Co.

* See Appendix.

Payments: £3474 13s. 10½d. Including 2s. 3d. for "a pair of stais" for George Lincoln,* 1s. 6d. for a pair of shoes, 11s. 9d. for 3 frocks and making, and £4 18s. for his board from Sept. 12th, 1774, to Feb. 13th, 1775, at 4s. a week; £72 12s. to Robert Taylor, his commission money; £12 15s. for two silver pepper boxes; £3 10s. for flowers in the Hall, (paid July 26th); £19 4s. to Thomas Griffith for 4 doz. of "champain," by order of Sir Walden Hanmer; £4 17s. 6d. "to Messrs Channing and Wilmot, apothecarys, for the cure of the foundling boy, George Lincoln"; £2 2s. for framing, gilding, glazing, etc., a print of Lord Mansfield; £5 for the Adjourned Council dinner, (paid Oct. 16th); £657 10s. to Thomas Clarke.

Balance: £135 9s. 4d.



* The foundling; see *ante*, p. 419.

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Appendix.

NOTE I.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, 1641 to 1658.

[These Accounts are extracted from the original rolls preserved in the Steward's Office. The rolls had not been arranged and sorted in time for insertion in their proper chronological places in Volume II.]

Accounts of Oliver S^t John, Solicitor General, the Treasurer, 1641-6.
from Nov. 29th, 17 Charles I, 1641, to Nov. 26th, 22 Charles I, 1646.

Receipts: £2,082 10s. 4d. Including £345 16s. 8d. for general admissions; £1,106 6s. 8d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £93 11s. 6d. for the silver of the Inn, sold by Order; £38 16s. 10d. from Thomas Turner, goldsmith, for other silver of the Inn.*

Payments: £2,042 16s. 7d. Including 14s. for 5 lanterns to give light under the Chapel; 30s. to M^r Hooker's clerk for decrees in the Star Chamber as to new buildings in Lincoln's Inn Fields; 6s. to a freemason for removing the cross from the Chapel; 3s. 6d. for mending the Chapel windows.

Balance: £39 13s. 9d.

Accounts of Samuel Browne, Esquire, the Treasurer, from 1646-7
Nov. 28th, 1646, to Nov. 28th, 1647.

Receipts: £966 6s. 5d. Including £28 6s. 8d. from Edmund Anguish, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for 8½ years' rent.

Payments: £836 12s. 9d. Including £100 to Joseph

* See Vol. II, pp. 364, 365, 366.

Hooker, Esq., due on a bond; £100 to Joseph Broughton for the like.

Balance: £129 13s. 8d.

1648-9. Accounts of Edward Bysshe, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Nov. 28th, 1648, to Nov. 28th, 1649.

Receipts: £1,490 12s. od. Including £800 borrowed on bonds; £30 for arrears of rent of Thavis Inn.

Payments: £1,483 9s. od. Including £71 7s. 7d., the balance due to Edward Fettiplace, Esq., the late Treasurer; £550 repaid; £20 to Andrew Hall, the glazier, for putting the Speaker's* arms in the window of the Hall.

Balance: £7 3s. od.

1649-50. Accounts of John Harrison, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Nov. 28th, 1649, to Nov. 27th, 1650.

Receipts: £794 10s. 4d. Including 40s. from Mr. Phipps, Principal of Thavis Inn, for a year's rent, and 26s. 8d. for the rent of the newly erected buildings there, and £23 6s. 8d. for arrears of rent; £300 borrowed on bonds.

Payments: £791 4s. 9d. Including £200 due on bonds; 14s. 4d. for music in the Hall in Michaelmas Term, 1649; 8s. 8d. to the Parish Clerk of S^t Andrew's, Holborn, for the Bills of Mortality.

Balance: £3 5s. 7d.

1651-2. Accounts of Thomas Fletcher, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Nov. 27th, 1651, to Nov. 29th, 1652.

Receipts: £1434 4s. 6d. Including £48 10s. 2d. from John Harrington, Esq., the late Treasurer; £935 13s. 4d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines.

Payments: £1401 7s. 3d. Including £50 repaid to Sir Harbottle Grimstone, £100 to M^r John Smith, £200 to Mistress Anne Wenman, £40 to M^r Euseby Wright, £100 to Serjeant John Glynne, £200 to M^r Hinton, and £50 to M^r Edwin Rich.

Balance: £32 17s. 3d.

1652-3. Accounts of Nicholas Francklin, Esquire, the Treasurer, from Nov. 29th, 1652, to Nov. 28th, 1653.

Receipts: £606 17s. 4d.

* William Lenthall

Payments: £633 4s. 6d. Including 12s. for faggots for the bonfire [*pro igne triumphali*] in Michaelmas Term, 1652.*

Balance due to the Treasurer: £26 7s. 2d.

Accounts of Thomas Weld, Esquire, the Treasurer, from 1653-4. Nov. 29th, 1653, to Nov. 28th, 1654.

Receipts: £842 10s. 4d. Including £430 13s. 4d. for admissions to chambers and chamber fines; £5 from Luke Cunstable, Principal of Furnival's Inn, for a year's rent; £3 6s. 8d. from John Rooke, Principal of Thavis Inn, for a year's rent.

Payments: £737 13s. 9d. Including £100 to John Fettiplace, due on a bond; £10 each to Thomas Fletcher, Mathew Hale and Hugh Wyndham, called to the office of Serjeant at Law, with gloves and purses; £60 to Nathan Wright, due on a bond; £26 7s. 2d. due to the late Treasurer.

Balance: £104 16s. 7d.

Accounts of Thomas Williams, Esquire, the Treasurer, from 1654-5. Nov. 28th, 1654, to Nov. 28th, 1655.

Receipts: £1,083 5s. 3d.

Payments: £950 0s. 10d. Including £120 to Dean Ryves for his stipend.

Balance: £133 4s. 5d.†

Accounts of William Prynne, Esquire, the Treasurer, from 1656-7. Nov. 28th, 1656, to Nov. 26th, 1657.

Receipts: £796 4s. 6d. Including £177 11s. 8d. from Sir Lislebone Long, the late Treasurer.

Payments: £565 17s. 3d. Including £40 to Mr. Ashley, the Chaplain, for his stipend; 40s. to William Herrenden, stone mason, for a sun-dial [*pro horologio solari*] over the Great Gate.

Balance: £230 7s. 3d.

Accounts of Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Baronet, the Treasurer, 1657-8. from Nov. 26th, 1657, to Nov. 29th, 1658.

Receipts: £1,064 10s. 11d. Including £3 6s. 8d. from Hatton Barnards, Principal of Thavis Inn, for a year's rent.

Payments: £583 9s. 0d. Including £100 to M^r Thomas Greenfield, the Preacher, for his stipend.

Balance: £481 1s. 11d.

* This may have been on account of Blake's indecisive engagement with the Dutch Fleet, off the coast of Kent, on Sept. 30th.

† Much torn and in bad condition. A fine signature of Prynne as Auditor

NOTE II.

VISIT OF CHARLES II, 1662.

(Not referred to in the text.)

1661-2, Jan. 3.—“To Faithorne's, and there bought some pictures of him: and while I was there, comes by the King's life-guard, he being gone to Lincoln's Inne this afternoon to see the Revells there; there being, according to an old custome, a prince and all his nobles, and other matters of sport and charge.”
—*Pepys' Diary*.

1662, Jan. 1.—“I went to London, invited to the solemn foolerie of the Prince de la Grange at Lincoln's Inn, where came the King, Duke, &c. It began with a grand masque, and a formal pleading before the mock Princes, Grandees, Nobles, and Knights of the Sunn. He had his Lord Chancellor, Chamberlain, Treasurer, and other Royal Officers, gloriously clad and attended. It ended in a magnificent banquet. One Mr Lort was the young spark who maintain'd the pageantry.”—*Evelyn's Diary*.

MSS. of the Duke of Somerset. John Kelland to Sir Edward Seymour. 1661[-2], Jan. 7, Pensford. “I am glad to hear of his Majesty's dining at Lincoln's Inn with the P—— de Grange; to have some comedy after so many tragedies; we shall enjoy halcyon days again I hope.”—*Hist. MSS. Com., Rep. XV, App. 8, p. 93*.

[The following is reprinted from a very rare tract in the Library.]

Εγκυκλοχρεία or Vniversal Motion, Being part of that Magnificent Entertainment by the Noble Prince, De la GRANGE, LORD LIEVTENANT OF LINCOLN'S INN, Presented to the High and Mighty CHARLES II. Monarck of Great Brittain, France and Ireland. On Friday 3 of January 1662. LONDON Printed 1662.

Εγκυκλοχρεία

or

Vniversal Motion,

The several Modes of Dancing, according to the Primitive Invention of different Nations, performed in 12 Entries,
In the habit of each Countrey,
By English men.

I.

A *Clownish Carrier* with a Packet of Books to be distributed by the Master of the Ceremonies, wherein is described the whole designe : who daunceth a Darbishire Round.

II.

Gives you a *Bouree*, in the habit of a Thrasonical Gasconian ; To let you know, all Frenchmen are not Butterflies.

III.

Presents the variety of *Expressions*, made by Motions and Actions of the Body only ; For which we are indebted to the Quaker, the last Inventor of Ecclesiastical Postures, who turned Informer, is like to be troublesome to our Assembly.

IV.

Shews the truest and most genuine steps of *Ballet*.

V.

Two other Clownes with their Lasses, (a double pair of Northern Tikes) who dance a *Iigge*, the first-born of a Scottish Bagpipe.

VI.

Presents you with a *Phantastick Saraband*, manag'd by a Spaniard, To shew a Phantastick Don can be as ridiculous as the most Antick Mounsieur.

VII.

Throws you in a Drunkard, with steps proper only to that humor : suitable to the Windmil of his *Pericranium*, which mocions we owe to the lightness of a *Dutchman's Breeches*.

VIII.

Gives you a Country Dance, perform'd by *Sheapheards* and *Sheapherdeses*, in the habits of *Arcadian* Pastorals ; who set forth the Innocency of their minds, by the simplicity of their manners.

IX.

Presents a *Corant* single and figured, and a *Saraband serious*, both ascrib'd to the Ingenuity, and *Bon mene* of a well temperd Frenchman.

X.

An entry of *Italian Pantaloons*; to shew there are Madmen and Fools in every Countrey, even at *Rome, Paris*, and particularly in *London*.

XI.

Presents you (the delight of its age) the *Canaryes*, first invented by the lofty *Italian*, who generally has more wit than honesty.

XII.

An entry of *Swises*, who had rather fight than dance, but loves the *Argent* better then both.

A Descant upon the several Movements.

*Great Sir, y'ave seen Vs, like the active Sun
To please the World, through the whole Zodiack run;
Y'have seen the Noble Spaniard Countermand
All France, ith Marches of a Saraband:
And yet with such wise care his Limbs dispose
As if h'ad got the Frenchman in his Hose.*

*Yave seen the Mounsieur move, his Arm, Foot, Knee,
And shrugge, as if no Nation danct but he:
His Alamod Corant, his Saraband Pace,
His Bourees; all performd, with the Bon-Grace.*

*Y'ave seen th'Italian dance the Pantaloon?
No Region wants a Madman or Buffoon!*

[The remainder of this verse has been cut off sometime in binding; it related to the Shepherds.]

*The Bonny Scotchman and his merry Lasses,
At Jigge and Bagpipe all the rest surpasses;
What mischief did (that Scotch-witch) Covenant do,
Who charmd the Organs and the Bagpipes too?*

*Most Excellent! active Nations! all put down
The British Bard, sufferd to Act the Clown.
To move the Carriers pace: or Coupee over
With Packets from proud Calais to poor Dover.*

*And yet nor Seigniour, nor the stately Don
Are much above the middle Region :
Tis well in Rome or Spain, if you can see
A handsome Ball once in a Iubilee !*

*O but the Mounsieur, Englands Dancing Master
He walks on Parian Marble, Paris-Plaister !
Like th' Element of fire, his spirit soon
Lifts him up to the Concave of the Moon.
Dances as soft and nimble as the Aire ;
Who vies with him practises to despair !
Dull Englishman is forct to go to France
To change his Gold wear clothes, and learn to dance.*

*Since t'must be so, weel strike sail and submit,
Wishing the French more Pride, our selves more Wit.
Grant their Minerva, curious, neat, exact,
What ere they can Imagine we dare Act.*

*Inspir'd with Plumbroth we dance every man,
Save (who eats none) our Presbyterian ;
Hee's pardon'd if he move no more, but will
Quietly, with his good Good Old Cause, sit still.*

*Thanks to the Quaker our Last-mover, he
Listed himself into our Company,
Who went good man ! to teach the Pope at Rome,
A Babylon-slip ; the Time yet was not come !*

*But turn'd our Pursevant, a Lurch, a Pryer ;
We wisht the Iesuited knave a Cloyster'd Fryer
Good Saint to shew what weight his Talents beare
Begot a Negro, no Christian you may sweare !
How ere his various postures helpt to prove,
The Brittish Orbe, like other Spheares can move.*

*England I am sure in former times could dance.
Wittness her many Capers into France.*

NOTE III.

THOMAS GREENFIELD, THE PREACHER, 1663.

State Papers, Domestic, Charles II, vol. 75, no. 25.

pp. 27, 29. To the King's Most Excellent Ma^{tie},
The humble petition of Thomas Grenfield, Chapline of
Lincolne's Inne,

Sheweth :—

That the Parsonage of Curney Mallett, in the County of
Somerset, (with a Prebendary of Wells, *struck out*), is now voyd
by the death of the Incumbent M^r Dutton, and both in yo^r Ma^{ts}
donacion.

Yo^r Pet^r humbly supplicates yo^r Ma^{tie} that yo^w would be
gratiously pleased to conferme the same Liveing of
Curny Mallet, together with the said Prebend of
Wells, upon your said Pet^r.

And yo^r Pet^r shall ever pray, &c.

I know this Pet^r to be a worthy
person and very capable of
your Ma^{ts} favour.

GILB : LONDON.

June 5th, 1663.

He was presented to the living of Curry Mallet, (as it is now
spelt), between Taunton and Ilminster, co. Somerset, June 10th,
1663. State Papers, Entry Book, vol. 15, p. 48.

NOTE IV.

THE PASSAGE INTO LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, 1664.

State Papers, Domestic, Charles II, vol. 98, no. 15.

Bateman, Maior.

1p. 37, 38, Martis, 3^o die Maij, 1664, A^o que RR. Caroli secundi,
43, 45. Angl., &c., xvj^o.

It is ordered by this Court that M^r Sherriffs shall toomorrow
morning presente unto his Ma^{ty} the Peticion of the Maior,
Commonalty and Citizens, Governors of the House of the Poore,
comonly called S^t Bartholomew's Hospitall, against some new
buildings intended by the Society of Lincoln's Inne, to the damage
of certaine lands and tennants of the s^d Hospitall

State Papers, Domestic, Charles II, Entry Book, vol. 18, p. 48.

Upon the Petition of the Maior, Commonaltie and Citizens of the City of London, Governo^{rs} of your Ma^{tie}'s Hospitall, called S^t Bartholomew's Hospitall, near Westsmithfeild, London, on the behalfe of the sore sick poore people and souldiers there harboured, and also of divers tenants of your Ma^{tie}'s s^d Hospitall, that they were possessed for y^e 300 years last past of divers messuages, &c.,* behind the same, about southward on y^e Garden of y^e Society of Lincoln's Inne Fields, w^{ch} Society are about to build a lane to goe out of Chancery Lane into Lincoln's Inne Fields, to y^e prejudice of y^e poore—Desire that his Mat^y would referre it to y^e examinatⁿ of some hon^{ble} person, that a stop bee put to their proceedings.

Whitehall, May 5th, 1664.

His Ma^{ty} is graciously pleased to referre this Petition to y^e R^t Hon^{ble} y^e Lord Cheif Justice of England,† y^e Lord Cheif Justice of y^e Common Pleas,‡ and to S^r John Denham, Surveyor of his Ma^{tie}'s Workes, or any two of them, to consider and examine y^e conveniencies and inconveniences of y^e s^d building, and report y^e same with their opinions to his Ma^{tie}; and in y^e mean time M^r Surveyor is to give order that no proceeding bee made upon y^e s^d building till his Ma^{ty} be satisfied therein.

His Ma^{tie}'s pleasure likewise is that y^e s^d Referrees doe examine and compose y^e differences about y^e title to y^e ground mentioned in y^e Petⁿ, or certify their opinions thereupon.

NOTE V.

THE JUDGES' ORDERS, 1664.

Dugdale, *Origines Juridiciales*, p. 322.

Orders made and set down the 18th day of June, in the 16th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the II. by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellour of England,§ and all the Judges of both Benches, and Barons of the Exchequer, by the command of the King's Majesty signified by the Lord Chancellour, for the Government of the Innes of Court and Chancery. p. 39.

* Some words apparently omitted.

† Sir Orlando Bridgeman.

‡ Sir Robert Hyde.

§ Sir Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon.

1.—That the *Innes of Chancery* shall hold their Government subordinate to the Benchers of every of the *Innes of Court* to which they belong; and that the Benchers of every *Innes of Court* make laws for governing them; as to keeping Commons, and attending and performing exercises according to former usage: And in case any Attorney, Clerke, or Officer of any Court of Justice, being of any of the *Innes of Chancery*, shall withstand the directions given by the Benchers of Court, upon complaint thereof to the Judges of the Court in which he shall serve, he shall be severely punished, either by fore-judging from the Court, or other wise as the case shall deserve.

2.—That the Benchers of every *Innes of Court*, cause the *Inns of Chancery* to be surveyed, that there may be a competent number of Chambers for Students; and that every year an exact Survey be taken, that the Chambers allotted for that purpose, be accordingly employed.

3.—For that there may be an abuse in the lodging and harbouring of ill Subjects and dangerous persons in the *Innes of Court* and *Chancery*, being privileg'd and exempted places; it is ordered that there be general Searches in every *Innes of Court* and *Chancery* twice every *Michaelmass-Terme*, and once every other *Terme*, to be agreed upon by the general consent of the Readers and Benchers of the respective Houses of Court; and likewise once every Vacation.

4.—For that the Society ought to give a principall example of good government in matters of Religion, and to be free, not only from the crime, but from the suspicion of ill affection in that kind; it is ordered, that every Gentleman of the several Societies aforesaid, which shall be in Commons at any time within one year after publishing of these Orders, or after; and shall not receive the Communion in the same Society, by the space of any one year together, shall be expelled *ipso facto*.

5.—For that the Institution of these Societies was ordained chiefly for the Profession of the Law, and in a second degree for the education of the Sons and Youth of riper years of the Nobility and Gentry of this Realm, and in no sort for the lodging or abode of Gentlemen of the Country; which, if it should be suffered, would be a disparaging of the same Societies, and to name them from *Hospicia* to *Diversoria*; it is ordered, that no Knight, or Gentleman, Forreiners, or Discontinuers, or others, not being usuall in Commons in the same Societies, shall be admitted or allowed to lodge in any of the Houses aforesaid.

6.—For that there ought alwayes to be observed a difference between Utter-Barristers, Readers in Court, and Apprentices at Law, which are the principall persons next to

Serjeants and Judges in Administration of Justice ; and Attorneys and Solicitors which are but immaterial* persons of an inferior nature : therefore it is ordered, that from henceforth no common Attorney or Solicitor shall be hereafter admitted of any of the four Houses of Court.

7.—For that the over-early and hasty practise of Utter-Barristers doth make them the less grounded and sufficient, whereby the Law may be disgrac'd, and the Clyent prejudic'd : therefore it is ordered, that for the time to come no Utter-Barrister begin to practise publickly at any Barr at *Westminster*, untill he hath been three years at the Barr, except such Utter-Barrister, as for the time be, or shall have been Readers in some Houses of *Chancery*.

8.—That none be admitted to the Barr, but only such as be at least of seven years continuance, and have kept the Exercises within the House, and abroad in Innes of *Chancery*, and have been frequently in Commons according to the Orders of the House ; and none to be called to the Barr by Readers, but by the Bench at Parliaments, Councells and Pensions ; and that when they shall find a number of fit and learned students of honest conversation, and well deserving the same.

9.—That the Benchers hereafter be chosen for their learning, for their duly keeping the Exercises of the House ; for their honest behaviour, and good disposition ; such as for their experience be of best note and ability to serve the Kingdome : and if any refuse to read, that they do undergo such Fine and Censure, as the Benchers or Readers shall think fit to lay upon them ; which, if they shall refuse to pay or performe, then upon complaint to the Judges, such course shall be taken by them, as shall enforce them to the performance thereof.

10.—For that an outward decency in Habit and Apparel is an ornament to all Societies, and containeth young men within the bounds of civility and order ; it is ordered that no Gentleman of any House of Court or *Chancery*, shall come into the several Halls, Churches, or Chappells of the several Societies with Cloaks, Swords, or Daggers, upon pain to undergo the penalties contained in the Orders of the several Houses, which are strictly to be put in execution.

11.—For that all Government is strenghtned or slackned by the observing or neglecting of the reverence and respect which is to be used towards the Governours of the same : therefore it is required, that due reverence and respect be had by the Utter-

* *Ministerial* in the Orders of 1614 and 1630 ; see Vol. II, pp. 441 and 455.

Barristers, and younger sort of Gentlemen to the Readers, Benchers, and Ancients of either House.

12.—It is ordered that Readings in the Innes of Court begin at the usuall times, and continue untill the Friday in the second week, next after their Commencements inclusive, as hath been heretofore used: and for the prevention of disorder, that the Readers take care that no person be permitted to drink in the Cellers, and there be no expence of Wine in the House, but Publickly in the Hall at Meales.

13.—For that Readings are grown to so excessive a charge, that many of eminent abilities for learning have been discouraged from undertaking the same, and some which did have been much disabled thereby in their Estates, to the injury of them and their Families; it is ordered, that no Reader have above twelve attendants in Liveries, nor exceed above three hundred pounds in the whole charge of his Reading, except such as are of the Kings, Queens, or Princes Councell; or such others which have liberty to come within the Barr; or the Recorder of the City of *London* for the time being.

14.—For the better supporting and carrying on of Readings, it is ordered that such Benchers, Barristers, and other Gentlemen of the several Societies attend at the Readings for arguing the Reader's Cases, and performing other exercises and services, both within the Societies, and at the Innes of Chancery, as hath been used by the ancient orders of the respective Innes of Court: And that the Benchers consider of, and impose fitting penalties to enjoyn the due observance thereof.

15.—It is ordered, that Readers at Innes of Chancery be chosen, and continue; that Readings, and all other Exercises be duly performed there according to the former usages of the respective Innes of Court and Chancery.

16.—For prevention of unnecessary expence, lately crept into the Innes of Court, and of disorders thereby occasioned, it is ordered, that no Gentleman of any Innes of Court, being either called to the Barr, or at, or under the Barr, who shall bring in any Barr, or other Moote, shall give any entertainment with Wine or otherwise to the Gentlemen of the Society, or others, either within or out of the House, upon penalty that the Gentleman who breaks this Order, shall pay ten pounds to the Society, and that such Moot shall not be taken to be an Exercise, but he to remain in the same, and no better condition, than as if the Moot had not been at all performed.

17.—For that it is found by experience, that by the neglect of Commons in the Vacation, the Gentlemen of the Innes of Court are often drawn to frequent Ordinaries, Gaming-Houses,

and other places of disorder, whereby the neglect of their Studies, if not the corruption of their Manners is occasioned ; it is ordered, that the Benchers of every Innes of Court take care that Commons be constantly kept as well all the Vacations as in the Terme time (except as is herein after-mentioned) and that the Barristers and other Gentlemen of the Societies do keep, or be cast into Commons, according to the antient orders of the respective Societies : But for the prevention of dishonour to the Societies, by the great disorders and mischiefs which happen by Gaming, and other licentious courses lately used in the time of *Christmass*, no commons shalbe kept in any Innes of Court in the time of *Christmass*, or in one week before or after : And, if this Order shall not be observed, or if any shall presume to break open the Hall, Kitchin, or Celler-doores in any Innes of Court, or attempt the same for the keeping of *Christmass* Commons, that complaint be forthwith made thereof to the Lord Chief Justices, or any other the Judges which shall be then in Town, who will take a speedy and effectual course for the suppressing and punishing thereof.

And lastly, for that the keeping up of constant Exercises is the chiefest means of inciting Gentlemen to diligence in their Studies, and of attaining a sufficient ability in the profession of the Law ; it is ordered, that the Benchers of the several Inns of Court take special care that Exercises be regularly performed, as well in the Vacations as in the Terms, according to the Orders of the respective Houses : And for the better support thereof in the Vacations, that Barristers and Gentlemen under the Barr be strictly enjoyned by the Benchers of every Innes of Court, to keep their Vacations, according to the ancient Customes of the respective Houses.

[Signed by the Chancellor (Clarendon) and all the other Judges, twelve in number, except Sir Harbottle Grimstone, M.R.]

NOTE VI.

SIR THOMAS BEVERLEY'S FINE, 1668.

State Papers, Domestic, Charles II, Entry Book 31, fo. 13.

Trusty and Wellbeloved Wee greet you well. Whereas it *pp.* 58
hath been humbly represented unto Us by Our Trusty and Well- 61, 64.
beloved S^r Thomas Beverley, Knight, one of Our Masters of
Requests, that by a certaine Order of your Bench, of the 30th of
Aprill last,* you have proceeded to fine him in the summe of two

* See *ante*, p. 58.

hundred markes for not haveing Read when it came to his course to bee Reader of that House, with Order to him forthwith to pay the said summe, or otherwise to yeild up his Bench Chamber.

Wee, takeing the same into Our Princely consideracion, and being sensible how much this Proceeding doth intrench upon the priviledges and immunityes belonging to such as are Our Household Servants, especially those that attend Us in soe neare and considerable a station as that of Our Master of Requests, have thought fitt hereby to signify Our Pleasure to you, and accordingly, Wee doe expect that you free and discharge him, the said S^r Thomas Beverly, of the said Fine, soe by you imposed, leaving him to the free and quiet enjoyment of the chamber he now possesseth, and that you allow and continue to him an immunity and exempcion from (being Reader of that House and)* all (other)* services and duties whatsoever, soe long as hee holds the said Place and Office of one of the Masters of Our Requests In which Wee expect your ready obedience.

And soe Wee bid you farewell.

Given att Our Court att Whitehall, the 19th day of November, in the 20th yeare of Our Reigne, 1668.

By his Ma^{tie}'s command.

To Our Trusty and Wellbeloved
the Masters of the Bench of
Lincoln's Inne.

[NOTE.—There are several drafts of this letter, with slight verbal differences, in vol. 249 of the State Papers, Nos. 117–120, and also a copy of the Order of April 30th, No. 116.]

NOTE VII.

VISIT OF CHARLES II, 1670.

Not referred to in the text.

MSS. of Sir Harry Verney, Bart., of Claydon House, Bucks.
Hist. MSS. Com., 7th Rep., p. 488.

1670, Nov. 24th.†—On Saturday last the King, the Prince of Orange, with other Dukes and Duchesses, were incog. at the Revels at Lincoln's Inn, and its thought the Queen and some of the Duchesses will be there next Saturday.

The words in brackets are struck out.

† A Thursday in 1670.

NOTE VIII.

VISIT OF CHARLES II, 1671.

MSS. of H. S. Le Fleming, Esq., of Rydal Hall, Westmoreland.
Hist. MSS. Com., 12th Rep., App. VII, p. 75.

January 31, 1670 [-1].—Newsletter. Their Majesties and the Prince of Orange were present at the Revels at the Temple on the 27th, and at Lincoln's Inn on the 28th. M^r Rich, Master of the Revels at Lincoln's Inn, has been knighted. pp. 73, 74, 76.

MIDDX. S^r EDWARD RICH of Lincolnes Inne Knighted at Whitehall 1 Decemb. 1670. q^{re} if not S^r Edwyn. Le Neve's *Knights*, p. 243.

1699. RICH, S^r Edw^d, of Linc. Inne. q^{re} there if not S^r Edwyn. q^{re} at Lincolns Inn. the whole pedigree. if he did not shoot himself. *Ibid.*, p. 259.

[This visit of Charles II does not appear to be recorded elsewhere. The records of the Inn, while sanctioning certain extraordinary payments for the Revels this year, do not mention the fact of the King's presence. The Admission Register, however, shows the admission of William [Seymour], Duke of Somerset, Charles [Stuart], Duke of Richmond and Lennox, and Henry [Somerset], Marquis of Worcester*, on some date between Jan. 23rd and Jan. 31st, 1671.† They were doubtless present with the King on the 28th.]

NOTE IX.

LIST OF BENEFACTORS, 1673.

‡ "A MEMORIALl of our late Benefactors to this Society of Lincolne's Inne, entred the first day of May, in the five and twentieth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second over England, &c., Annoque Domini, 1673.

"Sir Edward Atkins, Knight, formerly Bencher and Reader of this Societie, and late one of the Barons of his now Majestie's

* Afterwards created Duke of Beaufort.

† In the printed volume of *Admissions* the date of Jan. 23rd has been by mistake prefixed to these three names; in the original there is no date given.

‡ This list is contained in the Royal Admission Book, see *ante*, p. 78n.

Court of Exchequer, gave to this Societie one great silver cup with a cover, to be used in the Chappell of this Societie.

"Sir Rowland Wandesford, Knight, Attorney Generall of the Court of Wards and one of the Masters of the Bench of this Societie, or his executors, gave to this House one faire silver bason and ewre.

"Nicholas Francklyn, Esquire, one of the Masters of the Bench and Reader of this Societie, gave two large silver flaggons, to be used in the Chappell of this Societie.

"John Greene, Esquire, one of the Masters of the Bench of this Societie and Recorder of the Cittie of London, gave a large silver cup with two eares, to be used upon festivall days as Poculum Charitatis.

"Henry Colfer, Esquire, an Utter Barrister of this Societie, by his last will gave twenty pounds per annum to this Societie for ever, whereof twenty shillings monthly for a sermon to be preach'd in Lincoln's Inne Chappell the first Wednesday in every month for ever, and the residue to be distributed to some poore orthodox ministers and some officers of this Societie, as appears by a copy of his will entred in the Blacke Booke.

"Sir Edwin Rich, Knight, one of the Associates to the Bench of this Societie, gave three tables, one of the Lord's Prayer, one of the Creed, and one other double table of the Tenn Commandements, written in letters of gold, which are dedicated to and hung up on the south side of the Chappell of Lincolne's Inne.

"And also hee, the said Sir Edwin Rich, hath given two statues with pedestalls, one of Neptune and the other of Hercules, plac'd in the outward walkes of this Societie. And also he made att his owne charge one large Diall on the west end of the buildings next the Garden.

"Sir John Churchill, Knight, one of the Masters of the Bench, and Reader of this Societie, gave a faire large Diall to this Societie, and plac'd the same upon the summer house att the north end of the Inner Garden.

"George Townsend, Esquire, one of the Associates to the Bench of this Societie, gave one statue with a pedestall, called Marcus Antonius, to this Societie, and plac'd the same in the Inner Garden.

"The Honorable Sir Harbottle Grimston, Barronett, Master of the Rolls, gave and placed one statue of Julius Cæsar in the Great Garden, att his proper charge.

"Hugh Windham, Knight, one of his Majestie's Justices of the Court of Comon Pleas att Westminster, gave and placed in the Great Garden one statue of Augustus."

NOTE X.

THE PASSAGE INTO LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, 1675-8.

Journal of the House of Commons, vol. ix.

April 19th, 1675.

p. 109.

A Bill to enlarge a Passage and Way going between Chancery Lane and Lincoln's Inn Fields was read the first time. [p. 319.]

April 21st, 1675.

Read the second time and committed. [p. 320.]

November 11th, 1675.

A Bill for opening a Passage between Chancery Lane and Little Lincoln's Inn Fields was read the first time. [p. 372.]

November 15th, 1675.

Read the second time and committed. [p. 376.]

July 4th, 1678.

An Additional Bill for enlarging the ways and passages out of Lincoln's Inn Fields, and other places, was read the first time. [p. 509.]

July 8th, 1678.

Read the second time and committed. [p. 510.]

NOTE XI.

SIR MATHEW HALE'S BEQUEST, 1676.

The clause in Sir Mathew Hale's Will is as follows:—

p. 111.

"As a testimony of my honour and respect to the Society of Lincoln's Inn, where I had the greatest part of my education, I give and bequeath to that honourable Society the several manuscript books contained in a schedule annexed to my will. They are a treasure worth the having and keeping, which I have been near forty years in gathering with very great industry and expense. My desire is that they be kept safe and all together, in remembrance of me. They were fit to be bound in leather and chained, and kept in archives.* I desire they may not be lent

* See *ante*, p. 114.

out or disposed of; only if I happen hereafter to have any of my posterity of that Society that desires to transcribe any book, and gives very good security to restore it again within a prefixed time, such as the Benchers of that Society in Council shall approve of, then and not otherwise shall only one book at one time be lent out to them by the Society. They are a treasure not fit for every man's view, nor is every man capable of making use of them. Only I would have nothing of these books printed, but entirely preserved together for the use of the industrious learned members of that worthy Society."

The Schedule containing a list of the MSS. is printed in Joseph Hunter's *Three Catalogues*, p. 254 *et seq.*

NOTE XII.

POPISH RECUSANTS, 1678-9.

House of Lords' MSS.

Die Sabathi, 29^o Martii, 1679.

pp. 122,

123, 125.

It is ordered by the Lords Spirituall and Temporall in Parliament assembled That the Treasurers or other Benchers of the severall Innes of Court and the Principalls, Rulers, or other Cheife Members of the severall Innes of Chancery, being in Towne, doe forthwith bring into this House a perfect list of all members of the said severall Societies that are Irish men, and alsoe others that are Papists or reputed Papists, and that the next terme, or soe soone as possible they can, they doe expell out of their severall Societies all such persons as shall not give Testimony of their being Protestants, by goeing to Church and receiveing the Sacrament, and takeing all Oathes, and makeing and subscribeing such Tests and Declarations as are appointed by any Law for distinguishing Protestants from Papists; and that none shall bee hereafter admitted that shall not doe the same.

(Signed) JO: BROWNE, Cleric.
Parliamentor.

House of Lords' MSS.

A List of such Members of the Society of Lincoln's Inn as are Papists or reputed Papists, found upon examination by such of the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn as are now in Town, in obedience to an Order of the Right Honourable the Lords Spirituall and

Temporall in Parliament assembled, dated the 29th day of March, 1679.

M^r Michael Tempest, Englishman.
M^r George Rawleigh, Englishman.
M^r Richard Carue, Welshman.
M^r Constant Magenis, Irishman.
M^r Nicholas Fitz Gerald, Irishman.
M^r Peter Reth, Irishman.

[No signatures.]

Brought in April 3rd.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Spirituall and Temporall in Parliament assembled.

I, William Farmerie, of Thavies Inne, London, gent., (being the onely Auntient of the Society of Thavies Inne aforesaid now in Towne), in obedience to your Lordships' Order of the nine and twentieth of March last past, doe hereby humbly certifie to your Lordships that there is neither Irishman, Papist, or reputed Papist, that are members of the said Society, to the best of my knowledge; And I doe likewise humbly certifie and declare that for the future your Lordships' direccions and commands in all things expressed in the said Order shall bee performed and obeyed by the Principall and Auntients of y^e said Society, according to the tenour thereof. Dated the third day of Aprill, 1679.

(Signed) WILL: FARMERIE.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Spirituall and Temporall in Parliament assembled.

Wee whose names are under-written, being all the Antients of the Society of Furnivall's Inn now in Towne, in obedience to your Lordships' Order of the 29th of March last, doe hereby humbly certifie to your Lordships That there is neither Irish-man, Papist, or reputed Papist, that are members of the said Society, to the best of our knowledge; And wee do likewise humbly certifie and declare That for the future wee shall performe and obey all your Lordships' direccions and commands in all things expressed in the said Order, according to the tenore thereof.

(Signed) CHARLES COCKS,
H. DAVIES,
EDW: COLMAN,
RI: ASTON,
NICH: HARDINGE,
M. NORCLIFFE,
WILL^m BIGGE.

Brought in April 8th.

House of Lords' Journal, vol. xiii, p. 496.

April 3rd, 1679.

The Lord Privy Seal acquainted the House, "That the Society of *Lyncolnes Inne* have prepared a List of the Names of such Papists as are of their Society; and have desired his Lordship to present the same to this House."

Hist. MSS. Com., 11th Rep., App. II, p. 105.

1679, March 31.—Papists, Removal from London, etc., Bill.

Amended draft of an Act for freeing the City of London and parts adjacent from Popish inhabitants

Clause VI. All members of the Inns of Court and Inns of Chancery, Doctors' Commons, the College of Physicians, and the Heralds' Office, shall before the end of Easter term next, in term time, in the public hall of their Society, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., openly take the oaths* and subscribe the declaration, to be tendered them by the two most ancient of the Society then present, after they had first tendered them to each other and subscribed the declaration themselves. Any member refusing so to do shall be *ipso facto* expelled. All new members shall take the oaths, etc., on their admittance, failing which it shall be null and void. Parchment rolls, with the names of all who have taken the oaths, etc., shall be kept in the Society. Anyone continuing in the Society and enjoying its privileges without having taken the oaths, etc., shall forfeit £100, and £20 for every month of such continuance, half to go to the Crown, and half to the person suing.

NOTE XIII.

THE MOROCCO AMBASSADOR, 1682.

(Not referred to in the text.)

March 4th, 1681-2.—The Morocco Ambassador went to see the Society of Lincoln's Inn, where he was received by the Masters of the Bench and gentlemen of that Society: he was pleased to walk in the garden, and from thence he was conducted to the Councill Chamber, where he had a very good banquet prepared for him by the Masters of the Bench, and was pleased to enter his own name in the book, as a member thereof; so, giving the Masters thanks, he returned very well satisfied.—Luttrell's *Diary*, i, 169.

* Of Allegiance and Supremacy.

In the fourth edition of Lane's *Student's Guide through Lincoln's Inn*, 1823, this autograph is given on the same plate as those of the Royal and other guests in February, 1671-2 (see Frontispiece to this volume). Lane makes the following statement (p. 227), but gives no authority:—

“Among the persons who accompanied his majesty on that day, was the Turkish Ambassador, who, as is common with Mussulmans, has prefaced his signature with the usual profession of faith and invocation for mercy. These seems to be written in a Turko-Arabic dialect, which is found very difficult at the present time to understand: the letters, too, are not clearly formed. The following translation, however, (which was procured from the India House), we doubt not will be found correct:—

“‘Praise to the one God. The signature of the humble Alhajh Allah Mohammed, the son of Mohammed-Sahy Allah, son of Abukerâi. God be merciful to him.’”

It appears now more probable that this is the signature of the Moorish Ambassador of 1682. The signature is on a subsequent page to that on which the signatures of Charles II and his suite appear. It stands on the page by itself, with no words or date to connect it with the other signatures. Further, the Calendar of State Papers for 1672 makes no mention of any Turkish envoy in this country in that year. On the other hand we learn from Luttrell that the Morocco Ambassador was in England in 1682, and did enter his name “in the book as a member” of the Society. The book from which this signature is taken was then in existence, and is the only book in which signatures of like personages have been written from 1672 to the present day.

NOTE XIV.

ADDRESS TO THE KING, 1682.

(Not referred to in the text.)

1682, June.—Addresses against the late Association have been presented to his Majestie from . . . the gentlemen of Lincoln's Inn.—Luttrell's *Diary*, i, 192.

The Association was one supposed to have been fostered by Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, (a Member of the Inn), against the succession of James, Duke of York, on the ground of his religion. A large number of these addresses were presented between January and October of this year.

See *Savile Correspondence*, Camden Soc., O.S. 71, p. 263 n.; Luttrell's *Diary*, *passim*.

NOTE XV.

THE AGREEMENT WITH HENRY SERLE, 1682.

*Serle's Court Book, i.*p. 139,
etc.

"ARTICLES of Agreement made the 11th day of July in the 34th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles II. . . . BETWEEN the Honourable Sir Harbottle Grimston, Bar^t, Sir James Butler, Kn^t, Sir John Churchill, Kn^t, Robert Ashton senior, James Stedman, Luke Astry, John Eldred senior, William Guidott, Samuel Eyre, Gyles Eyre, William Coward and Francis Hill senior, Esquires, Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, of the one part, and Henry Serle, of the same Society, Esq^r, of the other part.

"WHEREAS the said Henry Serle is seised of and doth claim to himself by virtue of a Title derived to him from the Crown, or otherwise, the soil, freehold and inheritance of that open place of ground on the South and South west side of Lincoln's Inn Walls, commonly called or known by the name of Lincoln's Inn Little Fields, or Fickett's Fields;

"AND WHEREAS several disputes and differences have lately arisen between the said Masters of the Bench, on the behalf of the said Society, and him, the said Henry Serle, concerning the erecting of several buildings upon the said ground;

"NOW for the settling and accomodating of the said matters IT IS AGREED by and between the said Parties to these presents in manner following:—

"IMPRIMIS, It is agreed that so much of the said ground as is hereinafter particularly abutted and bounded that is to say ALL that part of the said ground from the walls of Lincoln's Inn Southwards to the rail immediately before Sir Robert Payton's Buildings running parallel with the way from Bell Yard end to Plow Stables Inn; and from the space 10 feet distance from the houses and walls on the Eastern part of the said Field, so far Westward as will run in a just parallel from North to South with the corner of the Base Court wall, and so far farther as may run in a parallel line from North to South within 8 feet of Portugal Row end" shall be dealt with as is hereinafter expressed.

Serle, or his heirs or assigns, at his or their costs, shall within three years from the date hereof build, upon the said piece of ground so bounded, three ranges of buildings, viz:—one on the east side, to extend from the south west corner of the Kitchen Garden wall on the north side of the said Field, and to run southwards to within 60 feet of Sir Robert Payton's buildings; the second row, on the west side, to begin at the north end of the present gardener's house, and to run southward to within 60 feet

of the houses on the south side of the way from Bell Yard to Plow Stables, and to range with the long wall from Turnstile to the said gardener's house; the third row, on the south side of the said Field, to extend from the end of the first row on the east to the end of the second row on the west, and to range with the said houses on the south side of the way from Bell Yard to the Plow Stables, and to be 60 feet distant from such houses. "A convenient, handsome, and proportionable gate" shall be made through the east end of the said third row, "to go out under an arch to be turned for that purpose." Another gate shall be made through the north end of the second [western] row, also to go out under an arch. The buildings are to be three stories high,* and no higher, without garrets. Cellars may be made if desired. All doors are to be on the inside of the intended quadrangle.

The buildings when completed are to be made use of for chambers, for such persons as now are or hereafter shall be members of Lincoln's Inn, or such Serjeants at Law as have formerly been of the Society, and for no other purpose. They shall be liable to all manner of duties and payments and be regulated according to the "antient and ordinary Orders of the said Society," as the present chambers are; except that Serle, his heirs and assigns, shall have the sale of those chambers which shall be built on the said piece of ground, part of Little Lincoln's Inn Fields or Ficketts Fields. Assignments or nominations may be made from time to time by some deed or writing under his or their hands and seals. Persons so nominated shall be admitted by the Masters of the Bench without paying any fine to the Society, other than the usual fees to the officers of the Society and the usual fines to the House upon the surrender of chambers, namely, £10 for a ground floor or first floor chamber, £8 for a second floor, and 20 nobles [£6 13s. 4d.] for a third floor. No fine or "income" shall be payable on the first admittances. No chamber shall be liable to any commons, arrears or duties "longer than the same shall be in the possession of the person or persons who shall owe the same to this Society."

"And as to such of the said chambers as shall be built upon the ground or soil now belonging to the said Society, It is agreed . . . that the said Henry Serle shall have six several assignments for the successive lives of six several persons, to be named by the said Henry Serle, his heirs or assigns, successively, as the lives fall, without paying any fine or income to this Society for the same other than what is to be paid for the said new erected chambers on the said ground of Ficketts Fields aforesaid."

* This must mean exclusive of the basements; see below, fees on admissions.

Serle shall erect a brick wall, 10 feet high, from the south east corner of the Kitchen Garden Wall, to range equal with the eastern row of buildings, and 10 feet from the same, to extend southwards as far as the outside of the southern row, and then to return westwards to the south east corner of that row; in this last mentioned piece of the said wall there shall be a gate, sufficient for all sorts of carts and carriages.

Serle shall build a good and sufficient bog-house or house of office for the use of the Society, and a house for the gardener, between the back side of the eastern row and the above-mentioned new wall; "and that part of the same ground shall be made use of for a laystall for ever for this Society." Serle may have all the materials of the present bog-house and gardener's house, and of all walls that have to be pulled down.

Serle shall pave a sufficient quantity of ground on the outside of the western and southern rows, "for the convenient passing of people to and fro," and shall erect oak posts at convenient distances along the outside of such pavements.

The waste ground of the said parcel of ground so bounded out as aforesaid, other than that which shall be built upon as aforesaid, shall for ever lie open and unbuilt upon, "for the prospect and recreation of the said Society and members thereof."

The Inn shall not build upon the Kitchen Garden without the consent of Serle, his heirs and assigns.

The gates to be erected shall be kept by the Porters of the Society.

The three ranges of buildings, when erected, shall at all times hereafter be called by the name of SERLE COURT.

The freehold and inheritance of the said piece of ground shall remain in Serle, his heirs and assigns. Serle may build upon that portion of Little Lincoln's Inn Fields or Ficketts Fields which lies to the west of the piece now dealt with, without contradiction or disturbance by the Society.

Serle covenants to repair and maintain the bog-house, pavements, and posts, when erected; to empty the bog-house when necessary; to level the open space of the square; to repair and maintain the chambers and buildings to be built upon the Society's ground, so long as he, his heirs or assigns, shall have any estate therein, and at the expiration of his and their estates and interests therein, to leave and yield up the said chambers and buildings, well and sufficiently repaired, to the said parties of the first part, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor.

Serle agrees that these Articles shall be decreed by the Court of Chancery and confirmed by Act of Parliament.

NOTE XVI.

SUIT AS TO LITTLE LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, 1685.

House of Lords' MSS.; *Hist. MSS. Com.*, 11th Rep., App. II,
p. 304.

1685, June 1. Clerke v. Serle.

Petition of Sir Robert Clerke, Knight.

Sir John Birkenhead, being seized in fee of four parts of six *p.* 149.
and possessed for the remainder of a term of 99 years of one other
sixth part of Little Lincoln's Inn Fields, appointed by his will that
all his estate therein should be sold. Petitioner, with Henry
Serle, agreed with the devisees to purchase, and conveyances
were made to Serle in trust as to two third parts to Petitioner and
Dr Birkenhead. The latter afterwards assigned his third part to
Serle and the Petitioner. Petitioner then sold his interest to
Dr Barbon for £3,000, and brought a bill against Serle, to have
his moiety of the purchased premises conveyed to him, which bill
was dismissed by the Lord Keeper* on 21st June, 1684. Prays
that Serle, Barbon, and the other defendants, may be ordered to
answer.—*Lords' Journal*, xiv, 25.

June 1st.—The Respondents were ordered to answer.—*Lords
Journal*, xiv, 62.

June 10th.—Answer of Henry Serle, Esq.

The one-sixth part, held for the term of 99 years, is charged
with a yearly rent of £40 for the maintenance of a free school at
Calney in Wiltshire. The four fee simple parts were left by the
testator to his kinsmen Randolph and Rupert Birkenhead, to be
sold for payment of his debts. Respondent bought these four
parts for £1242, and paid £558 more to the executors for their
interest therein. The declaration of trust was given on condition
that the Appellant should pay his share of the purchase money
within a certain time, which he was unable to do, and so he
waived and promised to deliver up the declaration. Respondent,
having become sole purchaser, staked out the Fields for building
but was opposed by the Society of Lincoln's Inn and several of
the inhabitants. Respondent, in spite of his promise, delayed

* Sir Francis North, Lord Guilford.

delivering up the declaration of trust, while the opposition continued, on pretence that it was mislaid or lost, and when it ceased he produced it to extort money from Respondent, after he had begun to build. The appeal is really brought by Dr. Barbon, who prosecuted the suit in Chancery in Appellant's name. Prays that the appeal may be dismissed with costs.

June 10th.—Answer of Nicholas Barbon, Doctor in Physic, and Michael Scrimshire.

Barbon mortgaged to Scrimshire his benefit of the contract, as a security for money lent him for the purchase. Serle owned that he was trustee for the Appellant, and the Respondents, having seen the declaration of trust, believed that the Appellant had a good right to his share of the Fields, nor had they ever had any notice, except from Serle, that the Appellant had agreed to waive his contract or deliver up the declaration of trust. Pray that the decree of dismissal may be reversed, and Respondents declared entitled to the benefit of the trust.

June 26th.—At the hearing, Counsel for Appellant stated that the Appellant in May, 1680, obtained a license for building on the Fields, and Cary brought a bill in Chancery to hinder him. The Judges being heard on the question whether there was an actual trust, and whether the Appellant could be compelled, by law or equity, to pay the money, Baron Atkins* said it was not within the Act of Frauds and Perjuries; it was a condition precedent. It was not a trust till the condition was performed, and the condition was not performed. Serle had no remedy to compel the Appellant to pay the money. Justice Charlton† concurred.

After due consideration had of what was offered by Counsel on either part thereupon, it is ordered and adjudged, by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, that the said Petition and Appeal of Sir Robert Clarke be and is hereby dismissed this House; and that the Decree given in the Court of Chancery, from which he appealed, be and is hereby affirmed, except as to what concerns the remainder of the lease for 99 years of a sixth part; and further, that the Right Honourable the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England do review his Decree as to the said sixth part, and do therein as to Justice appertains.—*Lords' Journal*, xiv., 62.

See also *Barbon v. Searle*, i. *Vernon's Reports*, 416.

* Edward Atkyns, junior.

† Job Charlton J.C.P.

NOTE XVII.

SUIT AS TO LITTLE LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, 1689.

(Not referred to in the text.)

House of Lords' MSS. ; *Hist. MSS. Com.*, 12th Rep., App. VI,
pp. 59-61.

1688-9, March 15. Serle v. Clerke.

Petition of Henry Serle, Esq.

Petitioner, having agreed in 1679 to purchase of Randolph and Rupert, devisees of Sir John Birkenhead, their interest, being four out of six parts, in Lincoln's Inn Little Fields, gave a declaration of trust to Sir Robert Clerke and another to one Doctor Birkenhead, agreeing to hold one-third of the four parts for each of them, as trustee, on condition of each paying one-third of the purchase money, incumbrances (if any), and all incidental charges. Clerke and Birkenhead holding back when the purchase came to be perfected, Petitioner completed it alone. Birkenhead delivered up his declaration. Clerke, though promising to do likewise, pretended his was lost ; but after Petitioner had cleared his title and improved the property, brought a bill in Chancery to be relieved on his declaration, and, pending the suit, sold his pretended title to one Dr Nicholas Barebones [Barbon], who agreed to prosecute the suit in his name. The Lord Keeper North dismissed his bill, and the House of Lords affirmed the dismissal, except only as to the remainder of a lease for 99 years of one other sixth part of the Fields, touching which the Lord Keeper was to review his decree on an untrue suggestion, never stated before, that Clerke had a right to a share of that leasehold part on an alleged bill of sale made jointly to himself and Petitioner by Sir John Birkenhead's executors. Lord Keeper North having died before reviewing his decree, the Lord Chancellor Jeffreys, by colour of their Lordships' order of reference, took cognizance of extraneous matter already determined on the appeal, and committed Petitioner to the Fleet, and granted an injunction to stay his building on the Fields, because he could not produce his first title deeds, which had long been destroyed as useless, and ordered him to execute a conveyance of the leasehold part to the Six Clerks in Chancery ; and on hearing the cause touching the leasehold part in 1686, set up a title to Clerke by colour of the declaration of trust, and decreed the Six Clerks to convey to him a moiety of the leasehold premises, declaring further that a way

might be found to reverse their Lordships' decree as to Petitioner's inheritance. Thereupon a bill was brought in the name of Barebones and others to set aside the Lord Keeper's decree which had been affirmed by the House, and Petitioner, who demurred on the ground that their Lordships' judgment was final, was attached for not answering. Prays that Clerke and Barebones and the other Respondents may be ordered to answer and give satisfaction for their arbitrary proceedings. [&c.]

The House gave judgment on April 19th, 1689, reversing the decree.

NOTE XVIII.

SERLE'S ACT, 1690.

House of Lords' Journal.

Nov. 13th, 1690.—“An Act for selling the estate of Henry Searle, Esq., deceased.” was read a first time.

Nov. 15th.—Read a second time, and committed.

Nov. 22nd.—Reported, with some amendments.

Nov. 24th.—Read a third time, passed, and sent to the House of Commons.

House of Commons' Journal.

Nov. 27th.—Read a first time.

Dec. 2nd.—Read a second time, and committed.

Dec. 6th.—Reported, with this proviso:—“That nothing in the Bill contained shall be construed to invalidate certain Articles made between the Benchers of *Lincoln's Inn* and *Henry Serle* aforesaid, dated Eleventh *July 34° Car. II^{di}*; but that the same shall be in as good Force as they now are.” This proviso was agreed to.

Dec. 16th.—Read a third time, passed, and sent to the House of Lords.

Dec. 16th.—The House of Lords agreed to the amendment.

Dec. 20th.—Royal assent

NOTE XIX.

THE PASSAGE INTO LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, 1700.

(Not referred to in the text.)

Journal of the House of Commons, vol. xiii.

1699 [1700], Jan. 31st.

A Petition of several Inhabitants in and about *Lincoln's-Inn*, *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, *Chancery-Lane*, and the places adjacent, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the passage called *Jackanapes-Alley*, leading from the City of *London* through *Chancery-Lane* to *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, and places adjacent, is a thoroughfare of great resort and use, and, by daily experience, found to be inconvenient, and dangerous to all persons passing that way: And though an Act of Parliament was made in the 13th and 14th years of the reign of King *Charles* the Second,* to redress the same, yet, by reason no provision was therein made to purchase ground for another passage, the old passage still remains a nuisance: But there are some old buildings situate between the *Sun-Coffee-House* Passage and the Six Clerks Office, which the proprietors are willing to sell at reasonable rates, for making a convenient passage, and which would afford convenience for a double row of carts and coaches to pass at once between *Chancery-Lane* and the said Fields, and places adjacent: And praying, That leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the speedy and effectual making a convenient way out of *Chancery-Lane* into *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, and places adjacent, as the House shall think fit. Leave given accordingly [p. 162].

1699 [1700], Feb. 8th.

Mr Harley presented the Bill, which was read a first time. [p. 186.]

1699 [1700], Feb. 13th.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed. [p. 207.]

* Cap. II. An Act for repairing the Highways and Sewers . . . in and about the Cities of London and Westminster . . . and for the enlarging of several strait and inconvenient Streets and Passages. "The passage or Street of Feild lane, comonly called Jack an Apes lane, going betweene Chancery lane and Lincoln's Inn Feilds," is one of those specified as being "soe narrow that they are incommodious to coaches, carts, and passengers, and prejudicial to commerce and tradeing."

1699 [1700], Feb. 19th.

Shem Bridges and *John Thornicroft*, Esquires, proprietors of several of the houses proposed to be pulled down, petition against the Bill. Referred to the Committee. [p. 223.]

1699 [1700], Feb. 26th.

Jane Dring, an infant, also petitions against the Bill, alleging that it will prejudice her houses adjoining the proposed new way. Referred to the Committee. [p. 227.]

1699 [1700], March 7th.

The Bill was reported with several amendments, which were agreed to. A clause was added enabling the undertakers to borrow £3,000 at £6 per cent. [p. 272.]

1699 [1700], March 11th.

Read a third time, and passed. [p. 277.]

1699 [1700], March 15th.

The Lords agreed to the Bill, without amendment. [p. 285.]

1700-1, March 3rd.

A Petition of *Cavendish Weedon*, Esquire, was presented and read, setting forth that last Session the Petitioner obtained an Act for making a new way out of *Chancery-Lane* into *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, instead of the old way by *Jackanapes-Lane*, which he had completed for the service of the Publick; for which the Petitioner borrowed £3,000, as by the said Act he had liberty to do: But the said Act will be deficient above £1,000 of raising the said £3,000, which will fall upon the petitioner, unless relieved by the House. Referred to a Committee. [p. 368.]

1701, March 27th.

Petition of *Jane Dring*, an infant, proprietor of all the houses adjoining on the south side of the new street out of *Chancery-Lane* to *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, alleging that she had spent £348 in making good the walls and repairs of her houses damaged by the said new way; prays that satisfaction may be made to her, as the moneys raised under the Act will not be more than sufficient to pay *M^r Bridges* and *M^r Thornicroft*. Referred to the same Committee. [p. 440.]

1701, May 7th.

Petition of *Shem Bridges* and *John Thornicroft*. Referred to the same Committee. [p. 516.]

1701, May 27th.

The Committee report in detail. A Bill is to be brought in to supply the deficiency of £1505 7s. 7d. [p. 573.]

1701, June 2nd.

Bill brought in. [p. 590.]

1701, June 12th.

Royal Assent. [p. 626.]

[Jackanapes Lane after being widened by Mr Weedon, was called after him Weedon Street.* It now forms that part of Carey Street east of Bell Yard.]

NOTE XX.

LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, 1707.

Journal of the House of Commons, vol. xv.

1706-7, Feb. 1st.

p. 228.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill for the beautifying and preserving the Square, called *Lincoln's Inn Great Fields*; and that Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Sir *Thomas Powys*, and Sir *John Hawles*, do prepare and bring in the Bill. [p. 272.]

1706-7, Feb. 11th.

Bill brought in and read a first time. [p. 284.]

1706-7, Feb. 13th.

Read a second time, and committed. [p. 295.]

1706-7, Feb. 21st.

A Petition of the Society of Lincoln's Inn was presented to the House, and read; setting forth that there is a Bill brought into this House for the beautifying and preserving the Square, called *Lincoln's Inn Great Fields*; wherein there is a clause for the inhabitants to meet in *Lincoln's Inn Hall*, without the petitioners' knowledge; And praying that they may be heard touching the rights and privileges of the said Society.

Ordered, that the petition do lie upon the Table. [p. 305.]

* See *ante*, p. 289.

NOTE XXI.

HENRY CAREY, 1717.

MSS. of the Duke of Portland, vol. 5, p. 552. *Hist. MSS. Com.*pp. 244,
248, 250.

Henry Carey to the Earl of Oxford.

Upon the 2nd of June, 1717 last ["It was sunday the seventh of July, 1717," *written in margin by Lord Oxford*], when your Lordship came to the Chapel at Lincoln's Inn,* it being the last Sunday in Trinity Term, and the first after your late signal deliverance from the hands of your enemies, I, being at that time Clerk of the said Chapel, set the 124th Psalm, as it is in the new version of Tate and Brady; but immediately after sermon, before I had well got out of the Chapel, many of the Seniors of the Inn gathered about me and asked me many questions, altogether frivolous, ill-natured, and ensnaring. Amongst the rest, M^r Handcock distinguished himself in a more particular manner, by asking me with some austerity whether your Lordship was not my dictator; to whom I made answer (as it was true) that what I did was spontaneous, and of my own real motion, that neither your Lordship nor any other person prompted me to it, or knew anything of it beforehand. I was so pestered with the stale empty jests and pretended witticisms of the Benchers, that I withdrew, to avoid their clamour and reproaches. The Wednesday following (being the Council night), Sir Joseph Jekyll, M^r Spencer Cowper, and M^r Carter, then Treasurer and Chairman, began most violently and bitterly to inveigh against me, and to lay my setting that Psalm before the Bench as an offence of the highest nature, aggravating their charge with so much heat and vehemence that the Hon. John Hungerford, Esquire, and some other worthy gentlemen then present, could scarce have room to put in one word on my behalf, so loudly did these inquisitor-like censurers thunder out their anathemas against me, and being much superior in number to the good few who took my part and would defend me, they passed a vote for my immediate discharge. The next morning, one of the servants of the Inn came to acquaint me that they had no further service for me, but that they had dismissed me from my clerkship for being a person disaffected to the Government;

* Harley was admitted at Lincoln's Inn, July 25th, 1701, being then Speaker.

whereupon, some days after, I found myself published in the several newspapers, both foreign and domestic, so that my singing a Psalm in a private Chapel soon echoed through the four quarters of Europe, which rather made me laugh at the little endeavours of these men to disgrace me.

Thus was I dismissed from an office I had enjoyed for some years.

I was at the same time keeper of the Library in the Middle Temple, under John Troughton, Esquire, where I employed myself in regulating and reducing to decency and order a place which, through long neglect, was become a perfect chaos of paper and a wilderness of books, which were mixed and misplaced to such a degree that it was next to an impossibility to find out any particular book without tumbling over the whole. This undertaking cost me above twelve months' hard labour and pains, besides money out of my own pocket to transcribers. However, I went forward with the greater alacrity, because M^r Ludlow, then Treasurer, encouraged me by repeated promises (which I now may call specious and empty) of reward when completed as now it is, I having made a new Catalogue, in five alphabets with columns (all of my own invention), of all the tracts contained in the Library, which Catalogue is in 100 sheets in folio, and the books are now so regularly ranged, and the Catalogue so plain, easy, and exact, that anybody may go directly from it to any required book or pamphlet, without any difficulty or hesitation; so that not only the Catalogue, but even the Library itself, are evident demonstrations of my labour and instances of their ingratitude to me, who egged me on to this work without rewarding me for it.

Not long since it happened that the place of Sub-Clerk in the Temple Church became vacant, and M^r Silvester, the Chief Clerk, (my friend and acquaintance), appointed me his deputy therein, whereupon I began to officiate on Sunday, the 24th of November last. After sermon, the Benchers openly rebuked M^r Silvester for employing such a disaffected person, as they styled me; upon which he was constrained to discharge me.

Now I am without all manner of employment, or hopes of obtaining any wherever the malice or power of these men can reach me; notwithstanding, I am desirous of doing anything that is honest to support myself and my charge.

All which true narrative of the treatment and hardships put upon me, I have here most humbly submitted to your Lordship's consummate wisdom and judicious consideration, and most humbly crave leave to subscribe myself, &c.

Endorsed by Lord Oxford—"M^r Henry Carey of Lincoln's Inn, 1717-18."

NOTE XXII.

BANQUET TO SIR ROBERT WALPOLE, 1726.

MSS. of the Earl of Egmont, St James's Place.
Hist. MSS. Com., 7th Rep., p. 248.

1725-6, Feb. 3rd. Henry Newman to Lord Percival.
pp. 276, Yesterday being Candlemas Day, the ancient custom of
 277, 282. Revels was so far revived that the Inner Temple presented my
 Lord Chancellor [Lord King] and the Judges of their House with
 a feast and a ball in their Hall. And the Society of Lincoln's
 Inn had a feast and a ball in their Hall at the same time to
 compliment Sir R. Walpole, who, it seems, is a member of that
 House, and several of the Judges belonging to that Society. At
 this entertainment they had the King's musick, and the Prince and
 Princess* did them the honour to pass an hour with them.

NOTE XXIII.

LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, 1734.

Journal of the House of Commons, vol. xxii.

1733-4, March 2nd.
pp. 307, A Petition of the proprietors and inhabitants on the west,
 308. north and south parts of *Lincoln's Inn Fields*, in the County of
Middlesex, was presented to the House and read; setting forth
 that the Petitioners are desirous, and have agreed, to clean and
 adorn the ground of the said Fields, now lying in great disorder,
 and are willing to contribute to the charge thereof; but that a
 sufficient sum for this work, and for keeping the said Fields in
 repair after the accomplishment thereof, cannot be raised without
 the authority of Parliament: And therefore praying that leave may
 be given to bring in a Bill to enable the present and future
 proprietors and inhabitants of the west, north, and south parts of
 the said Fields, to make a rate on themselves for raising money
 sufficient to clean and adorn the said Fields, and to keep the same

* Presumably the Prince and Princess of Wales.

in repair; or that they may be otherwise enabled to effect the purposes aforesaid, as the House shall think fit. Referred to a Committee. [p. 264.]

1734-5, March 3rd.

A Petition in almost identical language was presented, read, and referred to a Committee. [p. 399.]

1735, April 2nd.

The Committee present their report, with notes of the depositions of several witnesses; whereupon leave was given to bring in a Bill. [p. 442.]

1735, April 3rd.

A Bill was brought in and read a first time.

A Petition of *Anthony Henley* and *William Cowper*, Esquires, was read; stating that they are the only landlords and sole proprietors of several houses in *Lincoln's Inn Fields*, and of part of the said Fields; and that no nuisances were ever complained of within *Cupfield* and *Fickett's Field*, part of the *Lincoln's Inn Fields* belonging to the Petitioners, the same having been constantly tenanted, and the rails bounding the same having been repaired from 1652 to Lady-day last, etc. And praying that their claims, rights and properties, may be taken into consideration. [p. 444.]

1735, April 14th.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed. [p. 459.]

1735, April 30th.

The report of the Committee was read, and certain amendments agreed to. [p. 480.]

1735, May 1st.

The Bill was read a third time, and sent to the Lords. [p. 481.]

House of Lords' Journal, vol. xxiv.

1735, May 9th.

The Bill was read a third time, without amendment. [p. 548.]

1735, May 15th.

Royal assent. [p. 557.]

NOTE XXIV.

HOGARTH'S LETTER AND RECEIPT, 1748.

SIR,

June 28, 1748.

pp. 339,

343.

According to your order, I have considered of a place for the Picture, and cannot think of any better than that over the sound board in the Hall, all the advantage to be gain'd for light can only be by setting the bottom near the wall, and inclining the top forward as much as possible; it being thus inclined will make ornaments on the sides improper, so that a frame only is necessary. I have enquired of M^r Gosset, a frame maker in Barwick Street, about the price of one some what in the manner of the sketch below, he believes it may come to about 30 pound guilt, to about half as much unguilt, and about five pounds less if my Lord Windham's armes are omitted. Frames may be carried up to a great expence, but he thinks one cannot be made in proportion to the picture for less.

I am, S^r,Your most obed^t humble serv^t to com^d,W^m HOGARTH.

I have removed the picture home again in hopes of making some improvements, whilst the frame is making.

[Sketch of frame, with Lord Windham's arms and supporters at the top.]

July the 8th, 1748.

Reced of Jn^o Wood, Esq^r, Treasurer of the Hon^{ble} Society of Lincoln's Inn, by the hands of Richard Farshall, Chief Butler to the said Society, the sum of two hundred pounds, being the Legacy given by the late Lord Wyndham to the said Society, laid out in a picture drawn by M^r Hogarth, according to order of Council, dated the 29th day of June last.

W^m HOGARTH.

£200.

[The originals of these two documents are hanging on the walls of the Benchers' Drawing Room.]

NOTE XXV.

THE FIRE IN NEW SQUARE, 1752,

Gentleman's Magazine, vol. 22.

1752, June 27th.

About one in the morning broke out a terrible fire in *Lincoln's Inn* new square, by which No. 10 and 11 were entirely consumed, particularly the chambers of *R. Wilbraham*, the hon. *Edward Harley*, hon. *Charles York*, *E. Hoskyns*, — *Chomley*, *Edmund Sawyer*, master in chancery, and — *Ansell*, Esqs; all in No. 10, where the papers, books, plate, furniture, and wearing apparel were totally destroyed. The gentlemen in the next staircase, No. 11, viz. *John Sharpe*, solicitor to the treasury, *Edward Booth*, Esq; *Mess. Ambler*, *Fazakerly*, *Fellers*, and *Wilmot*, had just time to save most things of consequence. The loss and difficulties in which many families are involved, the titles to whose properties were lodged with the above gentlemen, are not to be computed. Mr *Wilbraham* had lately purchased an estate of great value, the title deeds of which, among other numberless deeds, mortgages, &c., were burnt. His clerk, Mr *Pickering*, lost alone 1100*l.* in money and bank notes of his own and others, and securities for 30,000*l.* more, also all the title-deeds of lord *Leigh's* estate. When the fire was discover'd most of the watch were asleep or drunk, and the wife of an upholster in *Carey Street*, whose husband left his bed to assist the sufferers, hang'd herself in his absence. [p. 287.]

July 1st.

The Lord Chancellor suspended all proceedings in Chancery on account of the late fire in *Lincoln's Inn* square. [p. 333.]

August 1st.

The rubbish in *Lincoln's Inn* square having been sifted, most of the sufferers by the late fire have had the chief part of their properties in plate and cash, restored to them, and Mr *Pickering*, who lost bank notes to the amount of 1100*l.*, has been so successful as to re-establish most of them. [p. 381.]

See also Maitland's History of London, p. 692.

NOTE XXVI.

TANCRED'S BEQUEST.

Annual Register, 1763, p. 55.

pp. 357, 371, etc. Feb. 3rd. Christopher Tancred, of Whixley in Yorkshire, Esq., lately deceased, having bequeathed £50 annually apiece, to four young students of Lincoln's Inn (of which he was formerly a Bencher*) till they should be called to the Bar, and for three years after they became Barristers; Edward Reeve, Esq., student of that Inn, made an elegant Latin speech in Lincoln's Inn Hall, before that Honourable Society, in commemoration of so deserving a benefactor.

NOTE XXVII.

LIABILITY OF THE INN TO RATES.

House of Commons' Journal, vol. xxxiv.

1774, Jan. 26th.

pp. 417, 418, 419, 426. A Petition of *George Lewis Newnham, Levett Blackborne, John Coxe, Walter Long, John Parry, and John Madocks*, Esquires, on behalf of themselves and the rest of the Benchers of the Society of *Lincoln's Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented to the House, and read; Setting forth, That *Lincoln's Inn* is one of the four Inns of Court, and hath been for time immemorial, and now is, a Society intrusted with the education of young gentlemen studying the Law, and with the power of admitting them to practise the same; and hath accordingly been always governed and regulated by the Benchers of the said Society; and that the lands and tenements, and other estates of the said Society, have from time to time belonged, and now do belong, to the Members of the said Society, or some of them; and that the said Society have always considered themselves as having no concern with any Parish or Parishes whatsoever, either with respect to bearing any Parochial burthens, or deriving to themselves any parochial benefit; and now do, and always have, paved, lighted, watched and cleansed, the said Inn, within the limits and

* This is incorrect.

bounds thereof, at their own expence ; and also relieved all their members, officers and servants, when they have been unable to provide for themselves ; and that the said Society, with the Inns of Chancery (Members thereof) have always been considered by the Legislature, particularly in the Land Tax and Window Tax Acts, as a separate Body, and as such they proportion and raise those Taxes among themselves ; and that a claim has been lately made by the Parish of *Saint Clement Danes*, in the County of *Middlesex*, upon part of the said Society, to make the same contributory to the Poor's Tax of the said Parish, not only by charging it thereto as part of the said Parish, but also rating every Chamber as a separate Messuage ; by which attempt not only a new and heavy burthen is laid upon the said Society, but, in consequence thereof, the Members may be called upon and made to serve Parochial and other Offices, inconsistent with, and intirely subversive of, their original design and institution ; and therefore, that the declaring the Members of the said Society, and the lands and tenements within the limits and bounds thereof, not to be liable to Parochial duties or burthens, would tend to the great ease and benefit of the said Society, and is highly necessary to their establishment as a Society, and cannot be injurious to any Parish, no Parish having heretofore been able to subject the Members or the estates of the said Society to any Parochial burthens ; nor hath the same been attempted till very lately, and more especially as the Petitioners disclaim all parochial benefits, and undertake to maintain their own Poor : and therefore praying that leave may be given to bring in a Bill for the purposes aforesaid, or to give the Petitioners such other relief as the House shall think fit.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the consideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Society of *Gray's Inn* is referred : And that they do examine, and state to the House, the matter of fact contained in this Petition. [p. 414.]

1774, Feb. 1st.

Petitions in opposition, from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *S. Clement Danes*, from the Governors and Directors of the Poor of the United Parishes of *S. Andrew Holborn*, above the Bars, and *S. George the Martyr*, and from the Committee for Paving, etc., the Parish of *S. Clement Danes*, were read, and ordered to lie on the Table. [pp. 426, 427.]

1774, Feb. 8th.

Report of the Committee.

M^r *Thomas Grint* informed your Committee, that *Lincoln's Inn* is a Society entrusted with the education of young gentlemen

studying the Law, and is regulated and governed by the Benchers thereof.

That every member of the Society inhabiting chambers in *Serle's Court*, is admitted during life, paying a certain fine and fees to the Society, which are called freeholds, subject to the Orders and Regulations of the Bench ; and that they all belong to members of the Society who never paid any Parochial Rate.

That the witness has known a perambulation of the Parish of *Saint Andrew, Holborn*, and the perambulators have come into the district of *Lincoln's Inn*, claimed by the Society ; that the last time the Parish went this perambulation was in the year 1771, and the witness believes they went in the customary mode of perambulating Parishes.

That the Society have no particular fund for the support of the poor, except the general fund of the House ; that no Poor's Rates are collected, and that there are no Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, or Constables, nor any officer to whom a Justice of the Peace might direct his warrant.

That there is a Chapel belonging to the Society, but the witness never knew any children christened there ; that marriages have been performed in the Chapel before the late Act of Parliament for preventing clandestine marriages, but none since ; that there is a burial place for those who die within the limits of the Society, but no burial fees are paid to the Parish, and he never heard that the Minister of the Parish claimed any fees.

Being asked how many Inns are claimed by the Society of *Lincoln's Inn*, he said : Only one now, *Thaive's Inn* being sold, which is become separate property from the Society ; and he apprehends they have the same power of alienating *Furnival's Inn*, and the district of *Lincoln's Inn*.

That the witness knows of no children being born in *Lincoln's Inn*, no families living there, and never knew of any children being dropped there.*

That the Preacher and Reader belonging to the Society, are paid by the Benchers, and the Sacrament is administered every month ; that there is a Register of Burials kept there ; and the witness never heard that any pew or gallery in the churches of *Saint Clement Danes* or *Saint Andrew's, Holborn*, was appropriated for the use of the Society of *Lincoln's Inn*.

That the limits and bounds of the Inn are lighted, watched, and cleansed, by the direction and at the expence of the Benchers.

* A considerable number of children were dropped in the Inn at different times. See *ante*, pp. 357, 419.

That persons belonging to the Society have many times been relieved by the Benchers out of the General Fund of the Society ; and that one *Isaac Johnson*, a superannuated porter, at this time receives two shillings a week, but he is the only person at present who receives a weekly allowance, and that it was a voluntary act of the Benchers ; that other persons have sometimes received five or ten guineas at a time ; and the witness never knew any of the officers or servants of the Inn applying for relief and being refused.

That no person has ever been returned upon the Society from any Parish as a pauper having gained a settlement, and the witness knows no instance of any person gaining relief from a settlement there.

That no persons are permitted to reside within the district of *Lincoln's Inn*, but what are of the Society ; that the Stamp Office is within the district, but the servants employed there do not live in the Inn, except the housekeeper, who is not a member.

That the Commissioners of the Stamp Office pay dues to the Society for the House, and many of the Chambers are purchased by the Crown, for the use of the Stamp Office, in the names of some of the members of the Inn, and whenever they drop, they apply for a fresh nominee, that being the terms they are held upon ; that they are obliged to hold them in the name of a member of *Lincoln's Inn*, and the Commissioners have been charged with part of the Fund. And being asked, whether there is any legal process of enforcing payment of their share towards this Fund ? he said, all persons who are admitted give bond for securing the payment of it ; and that no rate is paid by them to the Parish of *Saint Andrew's, Holborn* ; that this Fund is assessed upon the members who are admitted to the chambers, and made out in their names, and paid annually by the Commissioners, in the names of those gentlemen who are admitted to the chambers.

Being asked, whether he ever knew of any charge or demand being made by the Parish of *Saint Clement Danes* or *Saint Andrew's Holborn*, relative to the Paving Rate ? he said, There was, in the year 1771 or 1772* ; that he could not recollect the sum exactly, but believed it was about £25 2s. 6d. and apprehended it was laid for *Serle Street* and *Carey Street* ; that the answer of the Benchers to this demand was, That it should be collected and paid by the occupiers of those chambers on the west and south sides of *Serle's Court*, exclusive of the annual dues paid to the House.

That the Gates of the Inn are shut at eleven o'clock every night, and he never knew the Constable of the Night, or Watchman, demand an entrance for search of vagrants, or exercise any juris-

* See ante, pp. 410, 415.

diction in the Inn after the gates were once shut ; neither did he ever know the Parochial Beadles come into the Inn in the day time to take up vagrants or beggars, to remove them into other parts of the Parish.

That he was appointed one of the Assessors of the Land and Window Tax by the Benchers, and collects the same in *Serle's Court*, as part of the Inn ; and he produced to your Committee the Books of Assessment on *Lincoln's Inn*, in the years 1740 and 1748, for the Land and Window Taxes. Then

An Act, made in the last Session of Parliament, for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Land Tax was read ; whereby it appeared, that the said Society have been considered by the Legislature as a separate Body, and are taxed accordingly.

The witness further informed your Committee, That the Society of *Lincoln's Inn* collected the Land Tax for *Thaive's Inn*, under the Act of Parliament ; but that none is collected by them for that place now ; and that hitherto the sum collected upon *Thaive's Inn* has been paid out of the Fund of *Lincoln's Inn*, according to the Act of Parliament ; and that that sum must be paid by the said Society.

That he has heard of a claim being made within these six months, by the Parish of *Saint Clement Danes*, upon the Society of *Lincoln's Inn* ; but never heard, till very lately, of any of those chambers being taxed to the Poors Rates.

M^r *Robert Pardoe* informed your Committee, That there was a claim lately made on the Society of *Lincoln's Inn*, by the Parish of *Saint Clement Danes*, and four gentlemen of the Inn were summoned before the Justices, to shew cause why the Poor's Rate should not be paid :—That he attended with those gentlemen upon the Justices ; and, by Order of the Benchers, told them that gentlemen of the Inn did mean to dispute their right of taxing them, and therefore they might come and distrain upon one or two gentlemen, and the Society would try their right ; accordingly distress was made ; upon which, notice was given of bringing an action to try this right, but no action has been brought.

M^r *Grint*, being further examined, said, He could not tell what burthen it would be to the gentlemen of *Lincoln's Inn*, to bear Parochial Offices ; but has heard, that Students at Law, practising, are exempt from Parochial Offices ; and that there are members of the Society, who live out of the Inn, and rent houses, and pay Parochial Duties.

That he looks upon this Tax to be a new one, and if it is laid it will be a great hardship ; and should any of the gentlemen in *Lincoln's Inn* be appointed Parish Officers, it will be an exceeding great hardship upon them.

[The various Petitions against the application were re-read. It was moved and carried that the said Petitioners be not heard, either by themselves or Counsel, in support of their Petitions.]

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill declaring the Society of *Lincoln's Inn*, and their lands and tenements within the limits and bounds thereof, in the County of *Middlesex*, not to be liable to Parochial duties or burthens: And that M^r *Gray*, M^r *Wallace*, M^r *Popham*, M^r Solicitor General [Wedderburn], and M^r *Skynner*, do prepare, and bring in the same. [pp. 444, 445.]

1774, Feb. 15th.

M^r Solicitor General presented the Bill, which was read a first time. [p. 456.]

1774, Feb. 16th.

Petitions from the Governors and Directors of the Poor of the United Parishes of *Saint Andrew, Holborn*, above the Bars, and *Saint George the Martyr*, from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Saint Clement Danes*, and from the Committee for Paving, etc., in the same Parish, against the Bill, were read, and ordered to lie upon the Table until the Bill be read a second time, when Counsel may be heard on both sides. [pp. 461, 462.]

1774, March 10th.

Ordered that the Bill be read a second time this day six months. [p. 551.]

Dec. 8th.

Annual Register, 1774, p. 169.

On Tuesday a cause was tried in the Court of King's Bench, before Lord Mansfield, wherein the Parish of Saint Clement Danes were Plaintiffs, and a part of the Society of Lincoln's Inn Defendants, on an action brought against the latter, for refusing to pay the poor's rates; when, after a hearing of above five hours, a verdict was given in favour of the parish, with all costs of suit.

NOTE XXVIII.

THE CHANCERY OFFICES, 1775.

The Accountant General's and Register's Offices.

Journal of the House of Commons, vol. xxxv.

1775, March 16th.

Ordered that leave be given to bring in a Bill for vesting part *p.* 420, of the Garden of the Society of *Lincoln's Inn*, in the County of etc.

Middlesex, in the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, and his successors for ever, for the purpose of erecting thereon Offices for the Accountant General and for the Register of the said Court. [p. 201.]

1775, March 21st.

Mr Solicitor General presented the Bill, which was read a first time.

1775, March 30th.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to the whole House. [p. 242.]

1775, April 5th.

The House, sitting in Committee, made several amendments. [p. 260.]

1775, April 6th.

The amendments were agreed to by the House, and the Bill ordered to be ingrossed. [p. 272.]

1775, April 7th.

The ingrossed Bill was read a third time, and sent to the Lords.

1775, April 12th.

Passed by the Lords, without amendment. [p. 299.]

1775, April 13th.

Royal Assent. [p. 309.]

The Six Clerks' Office.

1775, March 16th.

Ordered that leave be given to bring in a Bill for applying the funds provided for rebuilding the Offices of the Six Clerks of the King's Court of Chancery, by an Act made in the 14th year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for rebuilding the Office of the Six Clerks of the King's Court of Chancery, and for erecting Offices for the Register and Accountant General of the said Court, for the better preserving the records, decrees, orders, and books of account, kept in such Offices," in building Offices for the said Six Clerks in the

Garden of *Lincoln's Inn*, instead of rebuilding the present Six Clerks Office in *Chancery Lane*; and for other purposes. [p. 201.]

1775, April 12th.

Mr Solicitor General presented the Bill, which was read a first time. [p. 302.]

1775, May 8th.

A Petition of several proprietors of chambers in *Garden Row, Lincoln's Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, on behalf of themselves and other proprietors of chambers in the said Row, was presented to the House, and read; Setting forth, That the Petitioners are owners of certain chambers in *Lincoln's Inn*, adjoining to the Garden, for term of life, the reversion in fee belonging to the Society of the said Inn; and that it hath been usual for the Benchers of the said Society, whenever any of the said chambers became vacant by the death of a proprietor, to grant out the same again to some member of the said Society, for the term of his life, and to demand and receive a considerable additional price for the same, in preference to other chambers belonging to the said Society of equal goodness, on account of their contiguity to the Garden; and that in consequence of an Act, passed in this present session of Parliament, the said Benchers have sold, for a considerable sum of money, part of the said Garden, for the purpose of erecting Public Offices, for the use of the Register and Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, opposite and very near to the Petitioners' chambers, without making them any satisfaction for the injury done to the Petitioners, although such buildings will render their chambers of small value, and the large additional price which hath been paid by the Petitioners for their situation will be entirely lost; and that the Petitioners, conceiving that the said Act might be highly injurious to their property, had determined to apply to the House for relief, but were induced to desist therefrom, by assurances given from many of the said Benchers, that full satisfaction should be made to the Petitioners for any injury that should arise to them therefrom; but the Petitioners have never been able to obtain any relief in the premises; and taking notice of the Bill for applying the funds provided for rebuilding the Offices of the Six Clerks of the King's Court of Chancery, by an Act made in the 14th year of the reign of his present Majesty intituled [etc.]; by which Bill, the said Benchers are empowered to sell, for a considerable sum of money, another part of the said Garden, contiguous to the Petitioners' chambers, for the purpose of erecting a large Public Office for the Six Clerks of the Court of Chancery, which will be a further

injury to the Petitioners' property ; yet the Petitioners have great reason to apprehend that no satisfaction is intended to be made to them, although the Petitioners are informed, that the said Benchers have insisted upon, and are to receive, a considerable additional price for their land, in consideration of the damage that will be done to the Petitioners' chambers by the proposed building: And therefore praying that provision may be made in the said Bill, for making satisfaction to the Petitioners for the damage they will sustain by such building, out of the money to be paid for the purchase of such part of the said Garden as aforesaid ; or that they may be heard, by themselves or Counsel, in relation thereto, and have such other relief as to the House shall seem meet.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to the whole house. The Petitioners may then be heard by themselves or by their Counsel. [p. 356.]

1775, May 15th.

The Bill was considered in Committee, and several amendments made. [p. 377.]

1775, May 16th.

The Bill was reported, and ordered to be ingrossed. [p. 378.]

1775, May 17th.

Read a third time, and sent to the Lords. [p. 380.]

1775, May 22nd.

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1775, May 26th.

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